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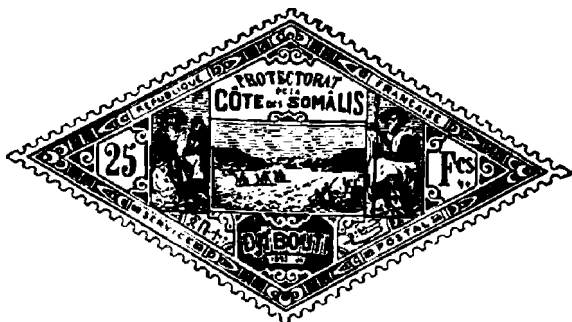


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- 10 " 1c 1872-97 Can-
[ada]
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- 10 " 3c 1872-97 "
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- 10 " 1c Maple Leaf "
- 10 " 2c " "
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- Lot E.—1 doz fine art post cards, in colors, price..... .25
- Lot F.—Scott's 1904 postage stamp catalogue, post paid..... .58
- Lot G.—Mexican coins, present issue, mint, 1 cent copper, 3, 10, 25, 50, and 100 cents silver, set..... 1.25
- Lot H.—Mexico postage, 1 peso blue and black, mint, last issue..... .60

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110 varieties U S stamps.....	60c
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" " " used.....	10c
50 2c vermillion 1875	10c
1000 Omega Hinges	7c
All postage prepaid.	

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U S Postage and Revenues. Cat My pr

*4 var Columbian env 1-10c entire	\$.47	\$.27
*1869 1c buff not well centrd	1.25	.40
* " 2c brn " "	1.00	.30
" 6c blue60	.25
1870 1c blue grilled50	.20
1890 15c blue08	.03
1890 30c black.....	.08	.03
1890 90c orange.....	.50	.23
1893 1c-30c set 11 var96	.40
1895 15c dark blue.03	.01
" 50c orange.....	.15	.06
" \$1.00 black.....	.50	.20
" 2.00 sapphire (scarce)	1.75	1.10
" 5.00 dark green	2.25	1.30
2c Certificate orange.....	.40	.15
1c Playing card red.....	3.00	1.25
2c " " blue25	.10
2c " " orange50	.22
3c " " green.....	6.00	2.50
2c Proprietary blue.....	.10	.04
3c " " green20	.07
3c Telegraph green.....	.25	.09
3c " " Imp....	2.00	.70
25c Warehouse Receipt red	.60	.25
25c " " " "	1.00	.40
50c Lease blue.....	.40	.15
50c Lease Blue, Imp.....	1.25	.45

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Peru, 1900, 2c used, fine, price...	.20
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1d rose "	1d	4c
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9d rose "	3	-
1 - orange "	3	6
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½d Green views	1	-
1d red, 2d mauve views....	2d	1 4
2½d indigo, views	1	6
3d brown, 4d orange, views	2	6
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1847	5c Brown.....	\$.75	\$.35	1869	3c Loc't've used	\$.10	\$.10
	10c Black.....	4.50	1.95		1c " new	.75	.25
	1c Blue.....	.30	.12		6c Washington	.65	.30
1851	5c Red Brown.	10.00	4.00		10c Coat of Arms	.80	.40
	10c Green.....	.75	.30		12c Steamship	.60	.30
	12c Black.....	2.00	.95		15c L. of Columbus	1.50	.70
	1c Type II.....	1.00	.40		15c " " variety	3.50	1.50
1857	1c Type III....	.15	.07		24c Dec. of Indep.	5.00	2.50
	5c Type II.....	6.00	2.50		30c Coat of Arms	3.00	1.25
	5c " III.....	2.50	1.15		90c Lincoln.....	15.00	7.50
	10c Green.....	.35	.15	1870	1c Grill.....	.50	.20
	12c Black.....	1.25	.50		2c ".....	.10	.05
	24c Lilac unused	6.00	2.00		3c ".....	.05	.02
	30c Orange.....	6.00	2.25		6c ".....	3.00	1.25
	90c Blue.....	30.00	12.00		7c ".....	3.00	1.25
1861	1c Blue.....	.06	.02	1871	1c Ultram.....	.15	.05
	5c Buff.....	7.00	3.00		7c Verm.....	.65	.30
	10c Green.....	.15	.06		10c Brown.....	.15	.05
	12c Black.....	.50	.25		12c Violet.....	.50	.20
	24c Red Lilac..	1.00	.45		15c Orange.....	.75	.30
	30c Orange.....	.50	.25		24c Purple.....	150	.70
	90c Blue.....	3.50	1.70		30c Black.....	.40	.15
1862	2c Jackson...	.06	.03		90c Carmine....	1.25	.55
	5c Blk. Brown.	.60	.25	1887	3c Vermillion..	.10	.05
	15c Black.....	.50	.25	1888	5c Indigo.....	.04	.02
	24c Lilac.....	.40	.20		30c Orange Br. .	.40	.20
1868	1c Grill 11x13 M	2.00	.80		9c Purple.....	.55	.55
	2c " " " "	.20	.10	1890	15c or 30c each	.04	.04
	3c " " " "	.04	.01		90c Orange, beauties	.30	.30
	10c " " " "	.75	.30	1893	Columbian 15c for 12c; 30c for	.20	.20
	12c " " " "	.50	.25		50 for 30c; 1.00 for 1.40		
	15c " " " "	4.00	1.50		2.00 to 5.00 unused, at face		
	1c Grill 9x13 " "	.75	.25	1894	50c Orange.....	.35	.15
	2c " " " "	.10	.05		1.00 Black.....	1.25	.45
	3c " " " "	.05	.01		2.00 Sapphire ...	3.00	1.25
	5c " " " "	4.00	1.50	1895	30c Orange.....	.15	.05
	10c " " " "	.60	.25		1.00 Black.....	.50	.23
	12c " " " "	.50	.25		2.00, for 95c; 5.00 for 1.50		
	15c " " " "	1.00	.40	1898	Omaha's 1 to 10c set	.15	.15
	24c " " " "	5.00	1.75		50c for 14c 1.00 for	.75	.75
	30c " " " "	3.50	1.50		2.00 Brown	1.35	1.35
	90c " " " "	12.00	5.00	1901	Pan-American complete	.12	.12
1869	1c Franklin....	.60	.25				
	2c Horseman ..	.15	.07				

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Dutch Indies 1895 1900 2½ gul on 2½ gul brown lilac	\$1.00	\$.35
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25 var Cuba and Porto Rico	\$.25
30 var Sweden	.12
50 var Australia	.50
100 var South America	.60
150 var British Colonies	1.00
200 var British Colonies	2.00
200 var U S	.50
500 var Foreign	.75
1000 var Foreign	3.00
1500 var all over the globe	5.00

We are also ready to buy "any old thing in the stamp line. Nothing too big; nothing too small.

1000 well mixed, U S or Foreign	\$.15
10 var Chili	.10
35 var Belgium	.10
100 var U S	.12
Nicaragua 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4c	.10
" 1890, 50c, 1 and 2p	.12
" Official 1890 20c, 50c, 1, 2, 5, and 10p	.25
North Borneo 1893 1c to 24c	.55
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This Month we offer a packet of 30 Unused Foreign Postage Stamps, all different and all five of the above presents for only

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The packet alone is worth much more than the price asked for all—Each packet contains one stamp cat at 50c, besides many British Colonies and other good stamps and is guaranteed to catalogue over \$1.50. Remember all the stamps are unused and genuine.

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Lincoln Stamp & Coin Co.,

115 No 14 St.

Lincoln, Nebr.

P. S.—Our ads in the last 5 numbers of the "WEST" are still good, presents included. Look them up.

While They Last.

UNUSED U S POSTAGE.

1c	69 no gum cat.	\$1.25	\$	40
2c	" "	1.00		.30
6c	" "	4.00		1.20
6c	" full gum fine.....	4.00		1.60
10c	" no gum.....	6.00		2.15
12c	" "	4.00		1.15

USED U S POSTAGE.

5c	184775		.32
5c	1857 60 number 47...	4.00		1.35
1c	186130		.10
1c	187960		.20
2c	186915		.06
6c	"65		.23
10c	"80		.22
12c	"60		.24
24c	"	5.00		2.25
7c	1871 number 4965		.20
15c	1871 " 163.....	.50		.18
50c	189515		.06
\$1.00	1895.....	.50		.20
50c	Omaha30		.14

U S DEPARTMENTS

1c	Postoffice40		.16
2c	"25		.10
10c	"	1.35		.44
12c	"75		.27
15c	"	1.00		.35
24c	"	1.00		.36
30c	"	1.00		.37
90c	"	2.00		.75
1c	State	2.50		1.05
3c	"75		.27
6c	"75		.25
10c	"	2.50		1.00
7c	Treasury	1.50		.63
10c	Treasury60		.26
2c	Justice	3.00		2.20
3c	" unused.....	2.00		.78
6c	"	1.00		.40
12c	"	2.50		1.03
12c	Navy.....	1.50		.60
15c	"	3.00		1.10

U S REVENUES, PERF.

2c	Playing card, orange	.50		.20
2c	" " blue...	.25		.10
3c	" "	6.00		2.00
5c	" "75		.20
50c	Foreign Exch50		.18
\$1.00	Probate of Will....	1.25		.55
1.00	Manifest.....	.60		.21
5.00	Mortgage.....	.90		.38
10.00	Probate of Will....	.85		.36
20.00	Conveyance.....	1.15		.60

Postage 2c extra. Return any purchase that is not satisfactory, for prompt cash. If what you require is not included above, write us about

your wants. Correspondence solicited from collectors anywhere and everywhere. Want lists priced at right prices and returned promptly. Don't cost much to get acquainted. What do you say? Our net U S approvals contain a whole lot of bargains. Send reference and state preference. A few rather heavy cancelled but not torn \$3 and \$5 Canada Jubilees to close at one-fifth of catalog. If you have some good U S duplicates to exchange for other good U S, send them on, with your best proposition.

FRANK DEE BRAYTON, Freeport, Mich.
No. 3 Green St.

Packets For Sale.

A—5 Colonial sets 1723-94, selected from the following: "Wood's" Halfpence, Vermont, Mass., Conn., New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Fugio, Nova Constellatio, Washington Cents, etc. \$1 00 post paid \$1.05

B—5 Half Cents, selected from dates 1800-1857..... .75 .77

C—10 Half Cents, selected from same period as the preceding 3 types: Bust of Liberty; The Turban Head," and Liberty Head, coronet....1.75 1.85

D—5 Cents, Bust of Liberty. r; dated prior to 180850 .53

LYMAN H. LOW. New York, N. Y.
United Charities Building, 4th Ave and 22nd St.

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Our No. 1 Mixture

Is better than ever and quality and quality and price considered we do not think it can be equalled anywhere; it includes stamps of Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Argentine, etc., many listed at 2c and 3c each; this mixture is just the thing for cheap approval sheets and packets. Price per 1000 is \$1.00. Royal Stamp Co., Box 67, Huntington, W Va.

Mrs Haskins, Mexico.—Like the WEST very much, is best of all papers and expect to send a lot more subscribers soon.

LIST No. 17.

WHOLESALE

TO DEALERS AND COLLECTORS

Many collectors find difficulty in getting their stamps for collecting and exchange purposes at a low price. For this purpose I have put my entire stock into small wholesale lots, including both used and unused stamps of several thousand varieties, to sell at from one-fourth to one-tenth catalogue value. From these lots collectors can add largely to their collections at much less expense than in any other way, and also have many stamps for exchange purposes. Dealers also find them most profitable approval stock, and as there are only a few of a kind in each lot, and some lots contain no duplicates. All nice clean stamps.

Wholesale Lot A.—Contains 1000 stamps from Asia, Africa, Europe, So. Am. etc. A nice assortment of 1, 2, and 3c stamps, cat \$10.00 to \$12 00, price	\$ 1.00	stamps from Colombian Rep. fine lot from this popular country, cat 1c to 10c each, lot cats about \$5.00, price	1.00
Wholesale lot B.—Contains 500 stamps similar to above, but better grade, and includes more 2 and 3c stamps. Excellent lot. cat \$6.00 to \$8.00, price	1.00	Wholesale Lot N.—Contains 200 stamps from Colombian Republic; cat 2c to 20c each, lot cats 4 00 to 5.00 Price	1.00
Wholesale Lot C.—Contains 250 good stamps from Asia, Africa, Australia, etc., cat 2, 3, and 5c each. Very profitable lot for a dealer, cat about \$6.00. price	1.00	Wholesale Lot O.—Contains 400 stamps from South Africa only, many var, 1c to 5c each, including Kings Heads, V R I etc. lot cats \$5.00 to \$6.00. price	1.00
Wholesale Lot D.—Contains 200 stamps from North and South America, Australia, Africa, etc. many var, cat 1c to 10c each, lot cats \$5.00 to \$6.00, price....	1.00	Wholesale lot P.—Contains 200 better stamps from South Africa, good lot for a dealer, lot cats about \$5 00, price	1.00
Wholesale Lot E.—Contains 100 fine stamps, from many countries, cat 3c to 20c each, lot cats about \$5.00, price	1.00	Wholesale Lot R.—Contains 500 stamps from Australia only, good lot, cat 1c to 5c each, lot cats \$6.00 to \$7.00. price....	1.00
Wholesale Lot F.—Contains 50 stamps, nearly all diff, cat 5c to 35c each. Fine lot for dealer or collector, cat about \$5.00, price	1.00	Wholesale Lot S.—Contains 200 stamps, better than last, from Australia only, many var, lot cats \$4.00 to \$5.00. price	1.00
Wholesale Lot M.—Contains 300		Continental Packet No 1.—Contains 1000 or more stamps, from Europe, Africa, Australia, etc., a good mixture of cheap stamps just as collected by mission, not sorted or cleaned like the above lots, price	30c

TERMS:—Cash with order. All lots postpaid. Guaranteed as represented or money refunded.

Chas. C. DeSelms,

Richmond,

Indiana.

SET S! SET S!! SET S!!!

At the little prices that make big bargains. This is an advertisement that should be read carefully, taking special notice of the prices, which are based on VALUE. Somewhere in the list below, there is something you want and can afford. Pick it out and order it with the understanding that it is returnable, money refunded, if it doesn't please YOU.

	No in Set	Cat Price	Our Price
Guatemala 1887.95, (engraved CORRECT var) 1c to 25c comp	8	30c	15c
Guatemala, 5c litho and both 5c eng, Scotts No 33, 44a, and 45; (var mounted and marked)	3	10c	6c
Japan 1899-1900, 5 rin to 50 sen	12	31c	15c
*Russian Offices in China 1k to 10k, complete	6	35c	30c
*Brazil 1900, 100, 200, 500 and 700r, the attractive Jubilee set	4	65c	08c
Bulgaria, 1901, 1s to 30s, bi-colored	8	12c	08c
Dominican Rep 1902, the high values, 12c, 20c, 50c large handsome bi-colored stamps, and used	3		60c
Dutch Ind '92-97, (Queen) 10, 15, 50c	3	5c	2c

Dutch Ind '92-97, (Queen) 25, 30, 50c	3	13c	09c
Dutch Ind '99-00 Prov 10 12½c	2	5c	2c
Dutch Ind '99 00 Prov 15, 20, 25, 50c	4	23c	18c
Germany '00 30, 30, 50 80 pf and 1 mk	5	21c	10c
*Honduras 1890 off 1c to 1p comp	11	67c	30c
*Honduras 1890 1c to 1p complete	11	68c	25c
*Honduras 1892 1c to 1p	11	68c	30c
Honduras 1898, 1c to 10c Locomotive, local print crude	5	20c	10c
Netherlands 1852, 5, 10 and 15c, first issue	3	62c	30c
Netherlands '72-75, King 15, 20, 25 and 50c	4	15c	7c
Netherlands, '99 ½ to 50c	14	30c	12c
New Zealand 1890 newspaper ½ p to 6 p (severely plain stamps)	6	79c	40c
Nyassa 1901 high values [camels] 150, 200, 300r	3	75c	45c
*Paraguay, 1884, 1, 2, 5c	3	24c	10c
Roumania, 1893, 98 1b to 50b	9	13c	05c
Roumania '93 98 1l and 2l	2	15c	08c
" '91 Jub [Type A 15] 1½b to 15b, comp	5	165	1 00

* means unused. Orders under 50c postage extra.
105 S 15 St. OMAHA, NEB.
Opposite Old Postoffice.

BROWN STAMP CO.

	Our Price
5.00 Italy 1901 cat 50c	13c
\$.00 Doc Rev U S 1898 brown uncut cat 15c	3c
5.00 Doc Rev U S 1898 red uncut cat 25c	5c
3.50 Doc Rev U S 1861 blue, Inland Exch, cat \$1.50	40c
2.00 Doc Rev U S 1861 Mortgage	6c
2.00 Doc Rev Conveyance	4c
2.50 Inld Exchange	5c
5.00 Charter Party	10c
5.00 Conveyance	7c
50c U S 1903 orange	5c
15c U S 1870 orange	16c
15c U S 1879 orange	7c
105 varieties fine foreign stamps	5c

ECONOMIST STAMP CO., New York City.
79 Nassau Street.

HAWAII

22 varieties of Hawaii, fine values, and in good condition, a nice collection, postpaid, only \$1.00
ROYAL STAMP CO.,
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WANTED!—I will buy or exchange for \$50.00 gold, 1 Stella or patern, silver dollar 1794, one-half dollar 1794, 1796 1797 1836 miled edge Confederate half dollar, dime 1796 1797 1802, '03 '04 '22, half dime 2794 '95 '96 '97 1801 '02 '05, cents 1793 1799 1804, cent or restrike, 1856 eagles, state cents, half cents 1793 '94 '95 '96 '97 1831 to '48 in restrikes. Ada F. Pinkerton, Marshal-town, Iowa.

GIVING AWAY!

Stamps, coins, and Curios, Free. In order to secure several thousand more subscribers we have decided to give a nice coin stamp or curio to each reader of the WEST who sends 10c at once for 6 months subscription to "Favorite Pastimes," a splendid new monthly magazine. Henry Huff, Byron, Ill.

	Cat	My			
	Price	Price			
U S 1847 5c.....	\$.75	\$.30			
" 1847 10c.....	4.50	1.50			
" 1851 1c.....	.30	.12			
" 1851 10c.....	.75	.29			
" 1851 12c.....	2.00	.80			
" 1857 10c.....	.35	.14			
" 1857 12c.....	1.25	.50			
" 1861 5c black-brown..	.60	.24			
" 1861 10c green.....	.15	.06			
" 1861 12c black.....	.50	.20			
" 1861 15c black.....	.50	.20			
" 1861 24c.....	.40	.16			
" 1861 30c.....	.50	.20			
" 1861 90c.....	3.50	1.55			
" 1868 5c No. 95.....	5.00	1.25			
" 1869 1c.....	.60	.20			
" 1869 2c.....	.15	.06			
" 1869 6c.....	.65	.26			
" 1869 10c.....	.80	.32			
" 1869 12c.....	.60	.24			
" 1869 15c.....	1.50	.60			
" 1869 24c.....	5.00	2.00			
" 1872 7c.....	.65	.26			
" 1872 12c.....	.50	.20			
" 1872 90c.....	1.00	.45			
" 1875 2c unused.....	.25	.10			
" 1882 5c unused.....	.50	.18			
" 1887 3c unused.....	.15	.06			
" 1887 3c unused.....	.12	.04			
" 1886 30c pauce.....	.40	.16			
" 1887 90c purple unused	3.00	1.50			
" 1890 90c orange.....	.50	.20			
" 1893 15c unused.....	.50	.20			
" 1893 15c used.....	.30	.10			
" 1893 30c used.....	.40	.16			
" 1893 50c used.....	.50	.25			
" 1893 \$1.00 used.....	2.50	1.50			
" 1895 50c used.....	.15	.06			
" 1895 \$1.00 used.....	.50	.20			
" 1895 2.00 used.....	1.75	.90			
" 1895 5.00 used.....	2.25	1.25			
" 1898 50c used.....	.30	.15			
" 2c Navy unused.....	.50	.16			
" 10c P O used.....	1.35	.39			
" 30c Treasury.....	.20	.10			
" \$20.00 Conveyance, imp	1.50	.50			
Arg Rep 1858 5c unused...	.08	.03			
" 1858 10c unused.....	.18	.06			
" 1878 20c blue.....	.25	.11			
" 1890 25c purple.....	.25	.13			
" 1892 2c unused.....	.25	.13			
" 1892 5c unused.....	.25	.13			
" 1892 1 peso.....	.18	.08			
" 1892 2 p, punched	.30	.04			
" 1892 5 p, punched	.50	.05			
Austria 1883 50k.....	.10	.05			
Austria Levant 50 Soldi....	.75	.25			
Belgium 1866 40c Rose.....	.10	.04			
Brit New Guiana ½d unus	.03	.02			
Canada 1860 12½ green....	.50	.20			
" 1868 ½c black.....	.18				
" 1868 12½ blue.....	.35				.09
" 1893 20c red.....	.12				.18
" 1893 50c blue.....	.25				.06
" 1898 10c.....	.08				.10
Chili 1 peso.....	.25				.03
Cook Islands 1902 ½d unus					.10
Congo 1894 1 franc.....	.20				.02
D. W. I 1902 8 on 10 unused	.40				.10
France 1877 5 F.....	.10				.33
" 1899 2 F.....	.40				.04
Gold Coast 1 shilling purple	.15				.15
Guam 10c.....	1.00				.06
Hayti 1898, 15c olive.....	.15				.40
" 1898 20c black.....	.15				.05
Hawaii 1864 18c rose unus..	1.25				.35
" 1893 25c.....	1.50				.68
" 1893 \$1.00 used.....	10.00				2.25
Hong Kong 1900 2c unused					.01
" 1902 4c unused					.03
" 1902 5c.....					.04
" 1902 10c unused					.07
Lubeck 1859 4s green.....	.25				.09
Liberia 1880 12c unused....	.30				.13
" 1892 4c unused.....	.10				.06
" 1894 5c Δ unused....	.15				.09
" 1894 5c rouletted....	.10				.08
Newfoundland 3d triangle					2.00
unused.....					.95
Newfoundland 1857 5p.....	1.50				.75
" 1866 10c blk.....	1.00				.60
" 1866 " unus.....	1.65				.80
" 1866 2c grn.....	.60				.30
" 1866 12c org.....	1.00				.65
" 1867 3c vermil.....	3.50				1.65
" 1876 1 brn lilac.....	1.75				.75
" 1876 3c blue.....	.45				.21
" 1880 5c blu unus.....	.40				.20
" 1887 10c black.....	.30				.15
" 1887 5c blue.....	.18				.09
" 1880 2c green.....	.12				.08
" 1887 1c orange.....					.04
N Brunswick 10c red unus	.20				.05
N S Wales 1888 8d.....	.25				.10
" 1888 1 S.....	.08				.03
Nevis No 7 unused.....	3.00				1.20
" 1903 ½ unused.....					.02
Nova Scotia 10c red.....	1.50				.60
" same, yellow					2.00
paper.....					.80
Orange River Colony.....	.50				.15
Paraguay 1892 1 peso.....	.50				.17
Phillipines 10c on U S.....	.15				.06
" 50c U S.....					.20
Russia 1883 70k.....	.30				.13
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" 1903 1d unus.....					.03

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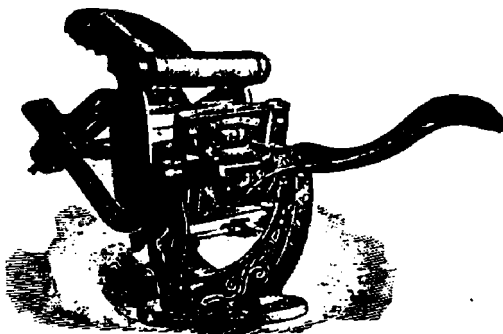


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1867 Perforate 12x14		
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1 cent lake red		02
1 cent orange brown		30
1 cent green		20
1 cent violet		1 00
1 cent gold		1 75
1872-88 Perforate 12x14		
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1 cent blue		01
1 cent violet brown		15
1 cent carmine		02
1 cent gray		03
1 cent yellow brown		04
1 cent green		05
1 cent dark green		30
1 cent violet		04
1 cent gray violet		35
1 cent rose		1 50
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1 cent ultramarine		01
1 cent brown		04
1 cent carmine		10
1 cent gray		05
1 cent gray lilac		02
1 cent yellow brown		03
1 cent green		04
1 cent dark green		10
1 cent violet		10
1 cent lilac		06
1 cent bistre		10
1 cent violet		30
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1 cent brown		04
1 cent gray lilac		01
1 cent blue		01
1 cent yellow brown		03
1 cent green		04
1 cent brown and green		05
1 cent rose and blue		04
1 cent bronze and brown		05
1 cent green		15
1 cent violet		1 75
1 cent claret		3 15
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1 cent green		02
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HE reported recent purchase at auction of a copy of the two penny blue Mauritius by the Prince of Wales excited press comment in both England and America, the transaction being made the subject of special cables and interviews with New York experts by the New York dailies. Papers on the Continent were also not remiss in their notice. The general tone of the dispatches is one of respect, although one facetious reporter ventures the prediction that "Sir Thomas Lipton can but see here a great opportunity for advantageous advertising." The enormous price paid (approximately \$7250) for this precious bit is indeed remarkable. From the London Express we learn that strangely enough, this highly prized specimen has been lying unnoticed and unvalued for forty years in a collection made by Mr. James Bonar, of Hampstead, when he was a schoolboy. Recently Mr. Bonar was showing this boyish relic to a lady, when she suddenly exclaimed, "Why, this is worth hundreds of pounds." Mr. Bonar was astonished, but an expert soon confirmed the value of the find, and Mr. Bonar obtained for it the highest price ever paid for a stamp. The sale drew a company of some 600 collectors and dealers, and competition was very keen among them. An initial bid of £500 was briskly followed by others, which raised the price to £1,200. At that point the competition slackened for the first time, but by increases of £20 and £50 the price was run up to £1,450.

With Charles E. Severn in charge of the philatelic department of the new juvenile monthly published by the Success company, and with Lewis T. Brodstone at the helm of a similar department of Youth, to say nothing of a score of other well known writers who are making successes of similar departments in other publications, the proper conveyance of reliable information to the novice and to the uninitiated proceeds apace. The one feature of the matter that is displeasing is that the first two publications are ostentatiously for young people and the philatelic departments in the others are generally inserted in the childrens' department.

We fear that our readers do not clearly understand that our Department of Inquiry is free. Few are better posted than Mr. Dorpat, and when he encounters a "poser" his extensive acquaintance with other authorities makes it certain that sooner or later the answer will be forthcoming. None of us are so expert that we do not occasionally meet with difficulties. We want you to bear in mind that the Department of Inquiry is for your use. Ask questions, as many as you please. The expense is ours, not yours.

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The ...
addition of a second ...
for the special purpose of cancell...
the stamp. Regular despatching marks at the ...
since 1860, have had a canceller of Both or these come...
some kind, except one issue, and the by present methods in some...
interest in postmarks will hereafter be where the postmasters sometimes use...
centered in the canceller as much as in provide wooden or cork cancellers, and
the date circle. The first postmark to also impress them separately onto the
letters.

(To be continued.)

heavy ones) should be of equal width, but in this forgery the fourth (right-hand) stroke is nearly twice the width of the second stroke. In the H of ZEHN the connecting stroke in the middle is much too heavy as compared with the genuine; on the latter it is very thin and distinctly runs downward from left to right. On the Z of the same word the upper horizontal stroke is very short, considerably shorter than the lower horizontal stroke; but on the counterfeit the upper stroke is quite as long and well marked as the lower one. There are differences in all the other letters, but not such as could be easily described in words. The same is the case with the lace-like ornamentation around the central oval; it is pretty well imitated and yet shows points of difference, but it would be almost impossible to describe the details of such an intricate design in words.---The vertical lines of the background in the central oval are seldom very clear in the original, many of them being blurred and broken. In this respect the forgery is also an improvement, as all the lines are clear and distinct; but near the left line of the oval they are crowded together more closely than elsewhere which is not the case on the original. The key is fairly well imitated, but shows some little errors nevertheless. Its upper extremity, i. e. the end of the stem, should touch the oval at the left; on the forgery this is not the case, there being a distinct space here. Above the handle there should be two distinct rings around the stem, but my forgery shows only one distinctly, the other one being barely indicated.

The cancellation of my forgery is very indistinct, so that I can only say it consists of two concentric circles, the date being within the inner circle. A similar postmark did exist, lettered between the circles ST. P. A. (STADT POST AMT) above and BREMEN below, but none of these letters can be distinguished on this forgery, and besides it is smaller, so that it no doubt purely fancy.

(To be continued.)

Stamps Not Listed By Scott & Co

The following lists have been completed for the benefit of those, who, while they take some interest in the collection of minor varieties do not possess the advanced catalogues which are such an aid to stamp study.

There are many stamps that have never found their way into American catalogues, and the study and comparison of foreign lists has revealed many unsuspected and interesting varieties.

This list does not pretend to be exhaustive; there are, for instance, many uncatalogued U. S. Locals these are reserved for fuller treatment. The prices listed here are averaged from the various foreign catalogues that give the stamp in question, and the numbers are so arranged that this may be used as a supplement to Scott's catalogue, in which capacity it may possibly be considered worthy of preservation.

U. S. GENERAL ISSUES.

1847 No. 28e (Paper variety) 5c	dark brown on grey \$6.50 \$ 1.00
No. 29e (Paper variety) 10c	black on grey... .. 5.00

The compilers of the Scott catalogue have probably attributed this variety in the paper to chemical action, due to the many years exposure which these stamps have undergone. But in listing this difference they would only be following in the footsteps of the British catalogues which list the one-penny red stamp on blued paper. The change is not so evident, it is true, but it is based upon the same principles. It is a question whether there was some original difference in the paper on which two varieties were printed, which has caused some of them to change and others to remain the same. Certainly Scott's stamp listed "on white" is not to be confused with the grey shade, for the difference is, if

anything, more marked than that between the grey and blue.

- 1857 No. 50b. (Plate difference)
 10c green, ORNAMENTS
 ERASED\$00.75
 No. 50c (Plate difference)
 same, partially erased..... \$00.30
 1862 No. 73d (Paper variety) 2c
 black ON WHITE PAPER
 \$00.30\$00.15

Evidently the Scott catalogue does not intend to let the collecting of paper varieties to go too far; with the unadvanced collector, at least, this must remain a dim and unexplored region.

- 1867 No. 83x (Grill variety) 12c
 black grilled 13x16 very rare

Can anyone give a good reason why this stamp is not catalogued?

- 1875 No. 179e. (Paper variety) 5c
 on bluish surfaced paper
 \$00.30\$00.04

It is doubtful if this paper a different supply, possibly the coloring matter of the stamp which was printed "on soft porous paper" which shows a tendency to take up any color with which it comes in contact.

- 1882 No. 205e (Die difference) 5c
 brown WITHOUT CROSSED
 LINES.\$00.80 \$00.10
 1888 No. 216c. (Die difference) 5c
 indigo WITHOUT CROSSED
 LINES\$1.00 \$00.50

Here is an interesting and comparatively common variety that seems never to have been listed in an American catalogue. Few collectors know of its existence, and dealers never take the trouble to look for it, probably because of the general distrust in the origin of the die. To the best of our knowledge the stamp was actually engraved twice. A limited number were printed from the first plates, in which the lines of shading about the head were too far apart, giving a certain coarse of unfinished appearance to the stamps. To correct this fault a new engraving was resorted to, and the

background was deepened and completed by crossed lines running diagonally to the parallel ones.

LOCAL STAMPS.

- Allen's City Dispatch
 1882 No 2208 K. (Shade variety.
 plum color\$ 0.35
 D. O. Blood & Co., Envelope Stamp.
 1850 No. 2254 X. (Not listed by
 Scott at all) NO COLOR ON
 BUFF\$ 5.00

As the catalogue from which this is taken does not list No. 2250 no color (simple die impression) of buff, it is very possible that this is merely a printers mistake, and that no such stamps as the one listed here is really in existence.

- 1851 No. 2260 Rose on buff:

Another stamp not listed by Scott, nor is there even a cut of this one to be found in their catalogue. A description of it may be useful to those who collect locals, and is by no means an uninteresting stamp to anyone. It is of a shape that is seen in no other stamps save the Centennial Envelope of 1776, the form of an old style of shield, the outline printed double the whole way around, with the heavier line outside. Within are the words "Blood's" is in the form of a quarter-circle, and is larger than the others. Below these words, in another curve, appears the peculiar abbreviation. "Philada." On the whole this stamp is very tastefully gotten up, and is a credit to the man who designed it.

C. & W. Bridge Despatch, a couple of type-set stamps that are not considered by Scott. They appear on two colors, bronze on green, and bronze on red, bearing simply the words that indicate their purpose, and bordered with a very heavy line entirely around the stamp. No value is mentioned on the face nor are we able to find any catalogue that tells how much these little labels stood for.

In regard to the stamps listed by Scott, as Nos. 2664-5-6 and under the name "Penny Express," it may be interesting to some to know that these were really issued by the firm known as "Langton & Co.," whom many of the old-timers still recollect.

The Stamps of Roumania.

Authorized Translation from the
French of Count d' Assche in
"Le Philatelite Français"
BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 1900.

SCOTT
TYPE
A 14

NEW design with ef-
figy of King
Charles I, profile to left,
on horizontally lined
ground, surrounded by
an oval garter contain-
ing the inscription "Romania" in
white capitals at the top and the value
in words at the foot. There is a small
floral ornament at each side of the
garter. At the four corners there are
colorless ovals containing the figure of
value between the ovals and the garter
there are small volutes. The stamps
are rectangular; they were printed at
the government office at Bucharest on
medium and thin wove paper; the gum
is white and they are perforated as be-
fore, $11\frac{1}{2}$, $13\frac{1}{2}$, and $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ com-
pound. The stamps bear the same
embossed design as the preceding is-
sue, generally on the back of the
stamp, but sometimes also on the face.
This design also exists inverted.

A. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

222. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani, carmine.
223. 3 " violet.
224. 5 " green.
225. 10 " red.
226. 15 " greyish brown.
227. 25 " pale blue.

B. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$.

228. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine, light and dark.
229. 3 " violet mauve.
230. 5 " green, dark green,
[bright green.
231. 10 " red, scarlet.
232. 15 " greenish brown, light
[to dark.
233. 25 " pale blue, blue.

234. 50 " bright orange, (May '91
C. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.
235. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
236. 3 " violet, mauve.
237. 5 " green, pale to dark.
238. 10 " red.
239. 15 " greyish brown, light to
[dark.
240. 25. " blue.

D. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

- 240a. 25 bani blue.
E. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.
240b. 25 bani blue.

(Translator's Note.—All these are
lumped by Scott's catalogue under No.
94-100.)

ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 1891.

Identical with preceding issue, but
without the embossing. These stamps
are printed in sheets of 130, 10 rows of
13, on medium white wove paper; per-
forated as before.

A. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

241. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
242. 3 " violet, lilac.
243. 5 " pale green, emerald
[green.
244. 10 " brick red, light to dark.
245. 15 " bistre.
246. 25 " pale blue.
247. 50 " orange.

B. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$.

248. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
249. 3 " lilac, violet.
250. 5 " emerald green, dark
[green.
251. 10 " pale brick red.
252. 15 " bistre, light to dark.
253. 25 " blue.
254. 50 " orange.

Specialists could make two complete
sets of the last perforation, one with
clean perforations, the other with
rough perforation, which sometimes
has all the appearance of a pin per-
foration.

C. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

255. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
256. 3 " lilac violet.

257. 5 " emerald green, dark
[green.
258. 10 " brick red.
259. 15 " bistre.
260. 25 " blue, light to dark.
261. 50 " orange, bright orange.

D. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

262. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
263. 5 " emerald green.

E. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 23\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

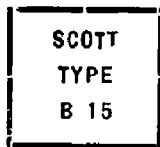
264. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.

Varieties.

265. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani printed on both sides.
266. 25 " double perforation.

ISSUE OF MAY 20-22, 1891.

(So-called Jubilee Issue.)



Profile to left of King Charles I, on horizontally lined ground, surrounded by large garter bearing at top the inscription "Ro-

mania" and below "Jubileul de 25 ani al Domniei Regelui Carlos I," at either side of the word "Romania" a small ornament; the figures of value in upper left and lower right corner, the word bani in the other corners. stamps are rectangular; they were printed at the government office at Bucharest, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reign of King Charles I. The sheets consisted of 130 stamps in 10 rows of 13 stamps. The paper is white wove, of medium strength and the stamps are perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$.

267. $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani carmine.
268. 3 " lilac.
269. 5 " emerald green.
270. 10 " red, type I.
271. 10 " red, type II.
272. 15 " bistre.

The two types of the 10 bani differ in the small ornament at the right of the garter; this ornament is well designed in type I, but misshapen in type II.

Varieties.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ bani perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$.

5 bani perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

15 bani perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

During these three days, May 20-22, only letters bearing these Jubilee stamps were considered as paepaid, and about 115,000, that is about one-third of the stamps sold, were thus used; after the evening of the 22nd one could no longer obtain these stamps at the postoffices. The following quantities were printed and sold:

$1\frac{1}{2}$ bani, 990 sheets, 128,700 stamps.

3 " 992 " 128,960 "

5 " 492 " 63,960 "

10 " 490 " 63,700 "

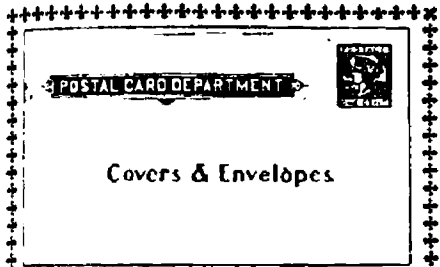
25 " 996 " 129,480 "

A total of 3,960 sheets, or 514,800 stamps. The plates were destroyed, and there can therefore be no reprints.

(To be continued.)

There has always been great interest among young collectors in used stamps. The cancellations on them have been supposed to give them additional values, as showing that they were actually used in the countries in which they were issued. This evidence of genuineness would be a valuable thing if cancelled stamps were in all cases what they appear to be. The special liking for used stamps, however, has been met by accommodating postmasters in various countries, who have cancelled their stamps, when requested by those who are buying them. This canceling being done with the same hand stamp and under similar circumstances to those in which stamps regularly used are canceled, it is impossible to distinguish them.

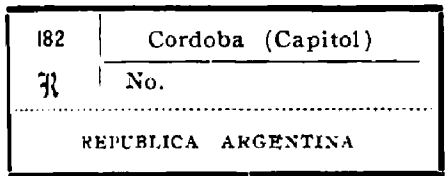
The Herts Philatelic Society is able to plume itself on the fact that no stamp displayed in the exhibition after its annual dinner was worth less than £1000.



**Observations on
Some Original Covers**

By R. R. THIELE.
(Continued)

I HAVE described quite a lot of registration labels in these notes, but new ones keep continually coming to hand. One lately received comes from the Argentine Republic. It is typeset, evidently a local production, and looks something like this:



The fancy capital R does not stand out quite as prominently as in most of these labels. The whole is printed in black on white paper and perforated; the number is inserted by hand with pen and ink. The word "Capitol" no doubt is added to distinguish the city as Cordoba from the province of the same name. What the number 182 at the upper left stands for I cannot say; it may perhaps be the form number of this label—or is it the official number of the post office at Cordoba?—The label is stuck on a 5c red envelope of the current Argentine issue, further embellished with a 2c and 20c stamp of the current adhesive set. The stamps are cancelled with a large date stamp consisting of two concentric circles, a star and the date in two lines being within the inner circle, while between the two circles is the legend

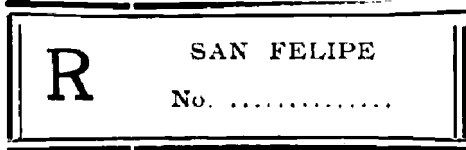
**CERTIFICADOS
CORDOBA**

Next comes a date stamp on the back of the envelope; in a single circle

BUENOS AIRES
date
B

The B is perhaps the designation of that particular dating-stamp or else it is the letter denoting a certain sub-office. The familiar date stamp of the New York Registry Division comes next, dated just one month after the date of mailing at Cordoba, and then comes the arrival stamp.

Several new labels have just come to me from Chile. Two of them are on a letter received from a correspondent down there. The first one is of this shape:



The label is typeset and printed in black on white paper and perforated. The name of the post office is not printed like the rest, but stamped in black by means of a rubber stamp, the number is written in with pen and ink. This is probably a blank form supplied to the smaller offices, the name being added by the respective post masters. The label is on a letter bearing two 15c stamps of the 1892 issue of Chile (the old issues are evidently still permissible for postage) and postmarked with

SAN FELIPE
7
DIC
903
CHILE

Within double circles, the date being within the inner circle and the name between the circles. The letter passed through Valparaiso, where it was postmarked on the back.

(Continued next month.)

A Key to Our Page of Rarities.

Through the courtesy of the United Stamp Co. of Chicago, we present to our readers on another page an illustration of the rarities which were contained in their very successful Schuyler Sale Part 1, and which averaged over 55 per cent of catalogue throughout.

Prices which are always of interest to collectors will be found below at which each lot sold, and it will be noted that they vary greatly owing no doubt to condition, the popularity of a country, and the amount of competition.

No. 22	\$12.20	No. 283	\$31.40
79	17.25	299	51.25
92	17.10	300	18.25
93	13.45	308	18.60
99	14.40	390	22.50
105	23.20	393	81.25
128	8.75	420	3.75
221	8.10	438	9.00
233	15.00	450	13.10
249	16.50	451	(6.75)
251	19.75	506	8.10
258	19.00	519	10.45
263	101.10	521	7.60
265	24.80	561	19.20
266	13.90	569	7.35
267	22.60		

Eighth Writers Contest There Are No Blanks

These contests prove so popular that, to carry out our well-known policy of endeavoring to meet our subscribers desires, we must, perforce, continue them. In submitting an article for this contest, it should be remembered that originality is the first requisite. Your ideas on a subject probably differ from others; it is your ideas that are desired. Literary training is a secondary consideration. The highest awards have been taken in previous competitions by those who had

never before written for publication. Forego hesitation.

AWARDS

- 1 Stamps, the winners selection, catalogue value of \$25.00
- 2 Subscription to the WEST for life \$10.00
- 3 Stamps, the winner's selection, catalogue value of \$10.00
- 4 Stamps, choice lot, our selection, catalogue value, \$5.00
- 5 Stamps, desirable, our selection, catalogue value \$2.00

The above awards will be made in the order indicated. Entrance and the selection of the winners governed by the following.

RULES

- 1 Only subscribers are eligible.
- 2 Name and address of the author must appear at the top of the first page of the article.
- 3 Contestants are requested to use paper the ordinary letter head size (about 8x11).
- 4 Each article should contain not less than 400 nor more than 800 words.
- 5 The article submitted some one of the following subjects are suggested: "Why I Collect Stamps"; "Philately a Necessity"; "Speculation Championed"; "My Favorite Country"; "Necessary Reforms"; "Personal Reminiscences." "Why I collect coins, curios, relics, etc."
- 6 Each article submitted becomes the property of the WEST.
- 7 The editorial staff of the WEST sit as judges.
- 8 All articles must be addressed to Contest Editor, The WEST, Superior, Neb., and must be mailed on or before Apr. 20, 1904.

CONSOLATION AWARDS

To every contestant will be given a years subscription to the WEST. We inaugurated these competitions and continue them to stimulate our readers to study. Any original article, unless absolutely without merit, is considered evidence of the accomplishment of this purpose, and the year's subscription is given as a compensation more substantial than mere thanks.

Read The Rules.

Notes From Europe.

By J. C. Auf Der Heide

THE first thing I have to do is to ask the readers of the WEST to forgive me, that I did not send my letter to the WEST earlier. Business was the reason, that I could not find time to scribble some English together for the dear readers.

I do not know if there are many among the readers of the WEST who know about the Dutch Indies. As we look at France, Great Britain and Germany, and not to forget Portugal, which countries give a special stamp for the most insignificant colony or island we wonder that there exists but one issue for the Dutch Indies. The Great Islands are Sumarta, Borneo (the greater part), Celebres, Moluccas, Banka, Biliton, Madura, Bali, Biliton, Sambarra. Flores, Timor, and Dutch New Guiana, each has the right to issue a special set of stamps for itself. But a fourth part of the Island of Borneo is British possession, and for this small part there are four distinct stamp issues, those of Sarawak, British North Borneo, Labuan and Brunei, for the Dutch part only the regular Dutch Indies stamps are used. England and Germany have their special sets for New Guiana, Holland nat., Timor. the smaller part belongs to Portugal and has its own stamps, the Dutch part not. So the readers must not wonder to here that Holland is the second colonial power in the world. If there should come from every island, small or large, a special set of postage stamps, Dutch stamp dealers could make good business. But let me pray heaven that the twentieth century will not bring us this chance, as we have already too much colonial stamps.

The new 2c American stamps have been received here. I find them much more beautiful than the other 2c stamp.

On one of the latest auctions here stamps brought only one-eighth and one tenth catalogue value, but I want to say, that most of the stamps were damaged and this dealer will not hold another auction, as he fears, there would not come assistants.

Some of the new stamps for the Dutch Indies have already appeared. They do not look very pretty. The colors are not fine. The 10c and 30c are already coming in quantity, but of the 20c I received only one copy, some fourteen days ago, and after that time I did not see another copy.

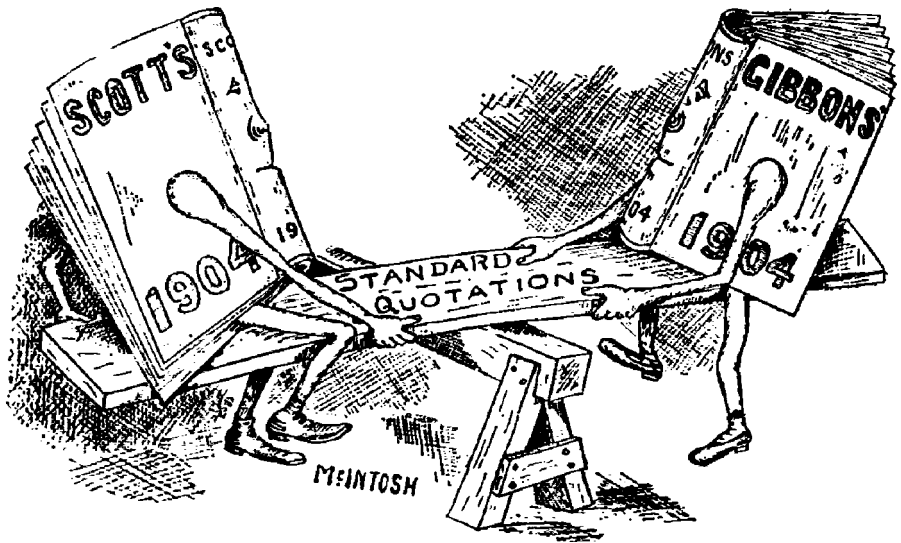
A stamp that is very rare, and of which you cannot buy more than fifty copies in our city at all, and only if you pay far above catalogue, is the postage due stamp of 1881, 12½c blue. If you can pick up a copy of this stamp at 15 to 20 cents, American, then you will have a bargain.

The 5 Gulden stamps of Holland 1896 three colors, bronze, green and red brown, grows more rare every day. There was a time, two years ago, that they were sold here at 60c, now they are not to be had at this price by wholesale. So there is a rapid raise in prices of all Dutch and Dutch Colonial stamps.

Too True.

Mekeels Stamp Collector.

The Jewish is not the only nation without a country. Many a collector, striving to work up a profitable foreign exchange has been surprised at the widespread dissemination of the tartar.



This time honored game destroys confidence in the so called Standard Catalogues.

Q u o t a t i o n s

Mekeel's Stamp Collector.

I believe you have done collectors a great service in calling attention to the catalogue question in the way you have been comparing Gibbon's actual selling prices of British Colonials with Scott's "quotations—58c post free." My specialty is Gibraltar; I note the following:

	Scott	Gibbons
1886-98, 4p.....	\$1.50	\$4.35
1889 50c50	.12

These figures destroy my confidence in the so called "Standard" catalogue. If some stamps are quoted at $\frac{1}{3}$ of what they are worth and others at 4 times their value, what are we to think?

Paul Kohl's Catalogue

By L. G. DORPAT

SOME POINTS OF EXCELLENCE.

This catalogue though at 75c higher in price than others, is well worth the price asked. Anyone who understands but a

little German will be able to use it with advantage. All country names are given in German, English and French. The numbers are given to "straight" issues only, while varieties and subvarieties are very exhaustively treated under the letters a, b, c, etc and in notes. Official reprints under the term "Ueudruck" are distinguished from private reprints under the term "Uachdruck". The illustrations are clear, and the watermarks are represented in the text as well as the stamps themselves. Differences of perforation are mentioned under the same number, also differences of surcharge, but the prices for both, used and unused, are given. In a profusion of notes a wealth of detailed information is given, including in many cases a reference to philatelic books or journals. Paper, binding and general appearance are as good as can be wished for. For beginners the cuts of U. S. stamps are of especial value, while the advanced collector and specialist will appreciate the classification of different printings. In the U. S. periodicals, for an instance, we have 41 numbers, but for Nos. 1-3 (1865)

we find two kinds of paper and two shades of color as well as the reprints of 1875 mentioned. For No. 4 we find two shades, two papers and two reprints (1875 and 1880). For Nos. 5-29 are mentioned two to five shades and six printings for each number as far as they exist. For Nos. 30-41 two papers are noted, without and with watermark. Prices are not always given; as for the last issue the 1c, unused, without watermark, only is priced. But if we read what is said in the preface about prices, we must agree that no price at all is better than a merely fictitious or arbitrary price. Those prices which are given seem to be as nearly correct as can be established and where no price is stated it may be taken for granted that the market has not established any price at all yet. To express my personal sentiment, I would say that I value Scott's, Senf's, Gibbon's and Bright's catalogues and would not be without them, but Kohl's is superior to every one of them and I prize him most of all. I can never expect to get all the stamps that Kohl's book prices, but those stamps which I have or may get Kohl's book tells me more about them than any other catalogue. Among the advertising pages page 958 offers a "Lupe" or magnifying glass which seems to deserve especial mention, as it holds the stamp under it down flat and enables one to examine it better than under any other form of glass.

The Stamps of the Popes.

Stamp Collector's Fortnightly

Philatelists possess a permanent memorial of the bad old days of the Temporal Power in the shape of the stamps of the Papal or Pontifical States, issued and used between 1852 and 1870. It is incorrect, by the way, to call these "the stamps of the Popes," because they began and ended within the reign of a single Pontiff—the long-lived Pius IX.

Stamps as Investments.

Another "Post Office" Mauritius stamp has turned up. It is expected that this copy will realize fully \$5000.00. Alas! in 1893 we sold the 1d and 2d "Post Office", both unused, for \$3900.00, and the lucky owner, we know, values them now at close on \$15000.00. Fine old stamps are undoubtedly a good solid investment, outside of all question of study and philatelic purposes.

The "Hotel de la Monnaie" in Paris, France has a remarkable specimen of nearly all the French and foreign stamps and the collection of the Ministry of Marine is also very famous.

One of the largest collections in Europe belongs to the son of the Duchess of Galliera. Its library has nearly 300 volumes and its cost has already amounted to \$300,000. That of Mr. de Rothschild in Paris is valued at 200,000 francs (\$40,000).

Not only have the French philatelists their club and their official journal but they also have their Stock Exchange, their bulls and bears.

Must Have Stamps Anyway.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

The island of Aitutaki a new stamp issuing country is one of the Cook group of islands recently included in the boundaries of New Zealand. It is distant from Rarotonga 120 miles, has an area of about seven square miles and a population of about 1,200, including about ten Europeans.

Do It Now.

"Get the habit!" you who haven't
All the wealth you want to use;
Word your ads so folks will read them
As they do the current news.
Print 'em early, print 'em often,
Lest your profit up to date—
Profit once so sleek and bulky—
Dwindles smaller while you wait.

Stamp Advertising

By Henry Herbert Huff

Without advertising, stamp dealers would be unable to inform the public of the goods they are offering for sale, and consequently could not dispose of them very readily. Since advertising plays such an important part in making a success of this form of business it is well that all stamp dealers be familiar with all matters pertaining to it.

If a small and poorly conducted ad seen in one issue of a periodical fails to bring returns, do not denounce the medium. In a majority of cases you are responsible for its failure to bring replies—not the magazine. Let us make a practical analysis of this matter and ascertain the real reason for the ad not proving profitable.

First. Do not expect an ad costing about ten cents and calling for a dollar to make you rich. Use plenty of space. An ad occupying a few lines may fetch some ten cent orders but it wont bring you many dollar bills. The bigger the ad, the better returns will be. Money spent in advertising is never wasted.

Second. Much depends upon the reading matter contained in an ad. A dealer who is unable to write a good ad should employ a professional ad writer. An ad should present the argument intended convince the public in a clear and reasonable manner. However, an ad to bring results must contain information. Don't expect an ad running something like this to be very successful: "Stamps on approval, 50 per cent disc., Gem Stamp Co., Troy New York," or Star Stamp Co., Butte Mont., have a full stock of choice stamps on hand. Give us a trial order." Nearly all stamp companies offer stamps at 50 per cent discount,

and many induce patronage by giving free stamps to applicants. Now why would this particular firm be liable to receive many applications for sheets when no special is given as with many dealers and no argument made that their goods are in anywise superior to those of others? In the second ad by the information given we cannot ascertain why they are high priced or cheap on their goods. Neither can we give them a trial order when we know not what they have to offer. What reader is going to the trouble and expense of requesting their price list when another advertiser (perhaps on the same page) gives prices and full information regarding the "Stamp Bargains" he has to offer? Nine out of ten will buy direct from the ad. Third. All advertisements should have at least three insertions before the pulling qualities of the publication can be determined. Put that down in large type. The public is slow to stir. One appearance of the ad simply makes an impression; the second is a little deeper; but the third or fourth usually has made sufficient impression to move the reader to reply if there is any chance of securing him. Many failures are due to the advertiser's not giving the medium sufficient opportunity to prove its paying qualities.

One of the best ways in which to acquire a knowledge of the forces that make advertising successful is to study the methods of those who have made it profitable. Generally the most paying ads are those that are original and different from the usual. Remember, the public are a curiosity seeking people. The man that so arranges his ad that it will attract attention is the one that handles the coin.

When a stamp collector forgets to count his stamps periodically, he has certainly become a thorough philatelist.

Worship of Philatelic God Declining.

By E. R. Holmes

INTERESTING facts about one of the "philatelic gods," if we may so speak of them, are given in a recent letter from Rev. Penry J. Bruce of Sarata, India.

The god is Ganpatti, whose rude image is seen on the crude stamps of the state of Dutia, known to most collectors only from the catalogue cuts, since the stamps themselves are seldom seen. As has been mentioned already in the WEST. The image of this elephant headed deity is used on the stamps because Ganpatti is the god of literature and wisdom, as well as of commerce and communications, and he is invoked at the beginning of letters. Mr. Bruce's letter which has been published in a religious paper, gives some developments of the worship of this queer deity.

"The annual Ganpatti festival has just passed, and it has been the occasion of some unusual developments. Ganpatti is the elephant headed god—the god of wisdom and learning, and the patron of all Hindu students. The Hindu school boys are expected to worship him at the the commencement of school every morning, sometimes under compulsion from their masters. His image is drawn upon their slates and copy books and in their correspondence his symbol is placed at the head of every letter.

"Annually at about this time his festival occurs, and the whole Hindu community seems to be turned into Pandemonium. Countless earthen images of him are made by the potters and painted in gay colors. These have usually been sold to the people for a pittance, taken home and worshiped for a few days, and then thrown into a river or some pool of water, or into the



ocean when they are near enough to it.

"Ganpatti is supposed to ride out upon a rat, and a strange fact, whether a coincidence or otherwise, very soon after this Ganpatti festival the rats begin to die and the recrudescence of the plague has come to be expected. Last year more than usual attention was given to the festival and the scourge of plague that followed was worse than ever before. So the people begin to think that there is some connection between the plague and the festival of Ganpatti, and this year they have been afraid to worship their idol. The images were made as usual but there were few purchasers. Prices were reduced to one-half or one fourth of what they were before, but very few were brave enough to take the risk of plague. In some places where the people have been accustomed to celebrate the festival it was not observed at all this year."

How a Young Philatelist Secured a Position 3

By E. C. WARNER

When "Jim" Thorne, an engineer on a western railroad, was killed in an accident, his oldest son Tom decided that he would have to leave school and seek some employment to help provide for his younger brothers and sisters. A few hundred dollars insurance was the sole resource left to provide for the little family and this would last but a short time unless some new source of income was found. One evening Tom shocked his mother by declaring that he had made up his mind to leave the little village and go to Chicago. At such a proposal the poor woman was much distressed, but to all her pleadings and remonstrances her son replied proudly that he was sixteen years old and fully able to take care of himself. When a week had passed and she had been unable to dissuade him from his purpose, his mother finally consented to his plan, though with many misgivings as to its outcome. At last after much solemn preparation, the momentous hour set for his departure arrived and after many tearful admonitions from his mother and brave assurances on his part, Tom found himself speeding on his journey. After all the scenes with which he was familiar had been left behind, his ardor abated just a little, but he soon became absorbed in contemplation of the swiftly passing panorama which he saw from the car window and he forgot to be homesick. When he alighted from the train at the Chicago station and had found his way to the street, it seemed as though he had suddenly transplanted to some fairy wonderland, so unusual were the sights and sounds that greeted him. The clang of the street cars, the rumble and roar of the elevated trains, the strident cries of the street vendors

and the thousand and one other noises awakened in him a vague sense of fear and he almost wished himself safely back in the quiet village.

But it was too late now to turn back and he resolved to stick manfully to his purpose. He had a letter of introduction from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at home to the Chicago branch and by following the directions of a policeman he reached their headquarters. There he was directed to a boarding house where he would be assured good care in comfortable surroundings. The next morning he started out bright and early, determined to lose no time in finding work of some kind. However after an hour had been spent with no success his courage began to falter. Wherever he applied he was told that there were no vacancies or that city experience was necessary. At one place he endeavored to show a letter of recommendation from his teacher but was rudely told that it was of no account as a reference. When he had spent the whole day in a vain search, he trudged back to his lonely room, weary of body and sick at heart. The following days brought no better reward and at the end of a week his small supply of money had dwindled to an amount barely sufficient to pay his carfare home. He had been an enthusiastic collector at home and had brought his collection with him. These could be sold but the thought of parting with them was one which he would not entertain. One morning when he had concluded that he would have to give up and admit defeat his attention was attracted to an "ad" in a paper he had picked up. Resolved to try once more, he repaired to the address given. When he arrived at the large wholesale house, he found that a number of boys had preceded him. Soon others came until a score or more of eager-faced youths occupied the two long benches near the manager's office, anxiously

awaiting their fate, Presently an attendant beckoned to one of them and notified him that the manager would see him. After a moment's interval, the youth returned from the private office, but his look of disappointment as he walked toward the door showed that he had been rejected. A half dozen others followed only to be dismissed. Finally Tom was summoned and he tremblingly entered the presence of the manager. After a few questions the latter said: "No, I don't believe we can use you. We want someone with more"—. Here he was interrupted by a young man who approached him bearing a letter in his hand. "Mr. Slaton" he said addressing the manager, here's an order from a new customer. The credit man isn't here today—thought I had better find out whether you want to ship the goods." "Where is it from?" asked the manager. "The letter is headed, Massowah, Eritrea. I can't make out whether it is in Asia or Africa—the writing isn't clear. The postmark on the envelope is blurred." "Pardon me, sir," broke in Tom, "but I think I can tell you. Eritrea is a small Italian Colony on the east coast of Africa. Massowah is its principal city, located on the Red Sea."

"How in the world do you happen to know all this?" inquired Slaton. "Oh I'm a stamp collector—they're generally posted on such matters," said Tom confidently. "Blake", said the manager, you bring me an atlas—I want to see just how much this young man does know." When it had been brought to him he opened it and then turning to Tom said, "Now may be you can tell me where Tahiti is"? "Tahiti is a small island in the Pacific Ocean. It is one of the group known as the Low Archepelago, and is a French possession", was the prompt answer. Other questions followed but Tom was equal to the ordeal. "Humph", grunted the ques-

tioner, "I always thought this stamp fad was a humbug—guess there's something in it after all". Then he added, "Well, my boy, I guess we can find a place for you. You can report tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock."

That night Tom wrote a long letter to his mother, and a few days after his friends at home read in the village paper that "Thomas Thorne of this city has accepted a position with King, Carson & Co. of Chicago."

All this happened several years ago. "Tom" is now a full grown man and occupies a responsible position with a large firm in Chicago, His mother and his brothers and sisters long since joined him in the city and they occupy a comfortable home in one of the suburbs. Among all his worldly goods, Mr. Thorne holds most dear his stamp collection, now grown to large proportions.

At a meeting of a philatelic society recently, a diatribe written by a learned (?) English author, and entitled "The Folly of Collecting" was being discussed Tom Thorn was present and when his opinion was asked he told this story of how he got his first start, for an answer.

Postage Stamps as a Legal Tender.

F. E. Halbert

We were recently informed by an old resident that owing to scarcity of small coin just previous to the civil war, postage stamps were often used for change in ordinary business transaction in this section of the county. The five and ten cent denominations were the most used and occasionally one of the higher values. These stamps were not encased or protected in any way and thus the liability to stick together was a general nuisance. I have never heard of stamps not encased being used as money elsewhere in the U. S. at any time.

Washington Notes

C. M.

THE most interesting publication of the month is the new edition of the "horse book" from the Department of Agriculture. It has been brought down to date and many new articles added. To be procured through a member of Congress, or by purchase (65 cents) from the Superintendent of Documents, Union Building, Washington, D. C.

The Bureau of American Republics publishes the following list of the present value of the unit coins of South American countries. Paraguay has no gold or silver coins of its own stamping but the peso of other countries circulates there at its face value.

Argentine Republic,	Peso	.965
Bolivia	Boliviano	.408
Brazil	Milreis	.546
Costa Rica	Colon	.465
Guatemala	Peso	.408
Honduras	"	.408
Nicaragua	"	.408
Salvador	"	.408
Chili	"	.365
Columbia	"	.408
Cuba	"	.965
Ecuador	Sucre	.487
Hayti	Gourde	.965
Mexico	Dollar	.443
Peru	Sol	.487
Uruguay	Peso	1.034
Venezuela	Bolivar	.193

The weekly papers have given the denominations and main features of the designs for the Louisiana stamps. The designs have been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and by the time this is in print will be ready for the press.

In the December "notes," in the

statement of stamps delivered the second entry of 2c under the U. S. and Phillipines refers to the stamp books.

The First Assistant Postmaster General in his report says: "Cancellation, postmarking, and back-stamping are of vast importance," and hangs on this text a lecture on the difficulty the Department has in securing legibility of postmarks. This, however is not for the benefit of collectors, but for the legal proceedings which may hinge on a date.

The Postal Guide for 1904 is out, while this gives a complete list of postoffices, the rural free delivery routes, which are really traveling postoffices; are not included, and the collector of postmarks, if he wishes to list these varieties, must apply to the Postoffice Department for a list of these routes which is published separately.

A New Freak.

By Floyd A. Haus.

In looking through a lot of stamps recently I found what I think to be a rare freak. It was a 5c Wurtenburg official envelope, white paper, of the 1890 to 94 issue, Scott's number from 308 to 311, which cannot be definitely told, which was embossed but not printed.

I now believe this one to be the only one in existence, for the following reasons:

First.—This is an envelope and not more than one could be embossed at once, and Second, the government is very careful about such freaks, and that seldom pass into circulation unnoticed.

One queer thing is that it is unused and cut square with a good margin. The way in which it came into my

possession is curious enough. A friend of mine bought a five hundred variety packet from one of the leading stamp firms and after taking out about a hundred sold the balance to me for about seventy-five cents. I bought them to use only as exchange and as I was very busy I did not get a chance to look them over until a short time back when I found this.

Now I want to ask collectors one question—does it not pay to look over your duplicates.

Notes on Fiscal Stamps

By N. P. Young
Second in contest for 1000 varieties
Fiscal Stamps offered by F. H. Peterson

I asked to name the chief charm of collecting. I should be inclined to say the uncertainty. Almost every collector has in his album treasures that his brother fiends never saw, read about, or dreamt concerning. Then again revenues are not issued for the benefit of the gay and restive philatelist, but for the actual needs of the country that prints them. They will compare favorably with postage stamps in coloring, workmanship and general effect. Take a sheet of white cardboard, select from 40 to 100 revenues arrange them tastefully, frame them appropriately, and then hang them upon the walls of your room, library or den, and you have a "thing of beauty" and "a joy forever" at slight expense.

I began to collect revenue stamps away back in the dark ages, when collecting the same was considered a crime, and the rash collector ostracized from the society of the other cranks. My album is of the vintage of 1894, and bears the well known imprint of J. Walter Scott. I will admit frankly that it has served its usefulness, but I have had it so long that it seems now like one of the family, and I hate

to part with it, although it is slightly frayed around the edges, its pages soiled a trifle, and it bulges just a few. As a conveyor of information it has had its day, and now what it does not tell is legion. But every page whispers to me a story, and it is one of the few links that bind me to the boyhood days, long past. I commenced the battle of life by allowing the drug business to adopt me, and I well remember one of the first things I learned was that lacto peptine came in five pound bottles, and that each and every bottle contained affixed thereto some six or eight of the N. Y. Pharmica Association 4c stamps, and as the cellar of the store contained countless empty bottles. I soon had these stamps galore. I think at this late day it is safe to admit that I kept on hand a supply of the proprietary stamps, series of '78, which I exchanged with the patent medicine bottles on the shelves. Some of these bottles had playing card, document, and telegraph stamps in place of the proprietary; in fact in those halcyon days, any old thing from a tobacco tag to a spool cotton label seemed to suffice.

This reminds me that only a few weeks ago a friend in Ohio sent me a portion of a legal document containing a couple of Barber and Peckham match stamps, doing service as document stamps.

After mastering some of the mysteries of the retail drug trade, I forsook it for the attractions of a law office. Here were philatelic fields unheard of. I reveled among musty documents. I foundered in a sea of stamps. Had I but cast my prophetic eye into the dim and distant future, selected wisely and retained. I would not still be struggling for my daily bread. I only know that my private

collection gotten together in those good old days will hold up its head among the proudest in the land. There are some that are better but there are many that are not as good. About a year or so ago a friend of mine succeeded to an old established firm; in looking over the accumulation of decades he naturally unearthed stamps by the ton. An acquaintance of his asked him to mail a few to a relative who had recently joined the ranks, and a small package selected at random and without knowledge was shipped to the youthful enthusiast.

Those remaining consisting of several barrels full were consigned to the tender mercies of the furnace. A few days after the cremation my friend received a communication, thanking him for the specimens sent, and saying "they were just splendid, some of them I sold for \$5 apiece." For several weeks after my friend remained clad in sack cloth and ashes.

I remember well of letting quite a number of 10c proprietary 1878 go for 25c each, and thought I was making a good deal, they are now catalogued at \$12 each. And about the same time could have purchased 100 of the 50c proprietary of 1874 for \$35, but thought it was tying up too much good money; they were green paper and are now worth \$250 per 100. Quite a fair profit had I embraced the offer.

Glance at the pages of an average revenue collection; you cannot spend a more pleasant or profitable hour. Take the Match and Medicine stamps, they are of all sorts kinds, and classes, colors, shapes, and degrees. Some are gems, both in design and as specimens of the engravers skill, all are of interest. Look carefully at the State Revenues, surely they are worth preserving. How much information can you give off hand concerning them? I am afraid that the wisest can give

us but little regarding these peculiar looking stamps.

Turn over another page and you have probably the revenues of Austria, they are not remarkably beautiful, but the quantity is sufficient, and the same may be said of Belgium's issues. Those of Brazil are pleasing to the eye, while the Revenue stamps of Canada are by far the most artistic of any foreign issue. Canada has probably unconsciously added many recruits to the small army of revenue collectors, and in the days to come will continue to swell the ranks. The Cape of Good Hope has an ordinary lot, those of Ceylon are not particularly startling, Cuba has some rather pretty specimens, Denmark some that are quite interesting, likewise Finland, a few of the revenues of France are worth a second glance but the majority are not at all remarkable. Germany has some that are plain and neat, Great Britain a sufficient number of designs to suit all tastes. Her embossed revenues in colors are certainly very interesting. The Hawaiian Isles issues are valuable additions to any collection. Italy has a large variety, some are very good, so with India, Jamaica adds but little to the stock, but Mexico can fill a small album herself, by the number issued by this country one might think that the entire population was engaged in their manufacture. A package of Mexican revenues would bring joy to many a young collectors heart, and stir up some of the old ones, too. Really pages could be written concerning this country alone. New South Wales adds but little of value to the general whole, but some of them are quite neat. New Zealand turns out some interesting ones. Nova Scotia uses the revenues of Canada, surcharged N. S., our specimen in my collection bears in

ink the date 1868, am inclined to think these were the first surcharges thrown at the poor collector. Peru has some very good looking specimens, and and those of Philippine Islands and and Porto Rico are of interest to American collectors aside from other reasons. Prussia issues some that are quite striking, Queensland revenues on the whole are rather poorly engraved, Roumania's issue are a welcome addition, while those of Russia of course are odd and consequently interesting. Spain has some that are quite pretty, Switzerland has some beautiful ones, Tasmania some that are characteristic of that peculiar country.

Turkey has some neat specimens and others of poor workmanship, Victoria can satisfy almost any desire in the stamp line in fact she issues a collection in itself.

Remember that revenues were not issued wholly for the purpose of drawing the shekel from the philatelic pockets, remember also that revenues particularly foreign ones are low in price; so that for a few pieces of copper quite a respectable nucleus can be formed, and you can reasonably expect to to easily obtain specimens that the eyes of your brother collector have never feasted upon. Here is an almost unexplored region, flowing with philatelic milk and honey, filled with philatelic flowers, and rich in philatelic gems. Brother collector if your feet have not wandered amidst its groves, just take one short walk in this enchanting land.

When you stop and think that as yet no suitable album has been prepared for these interesting and beautiful emanations. You can but wonder that this fascinating and important branch of philately has so long been neglected. But I trust better days are

coming, and if this little rambling sketch succeeds in making but one convert to the ranks; I shall feel that whoever he is, he will obtain considerable pleasure from the act, and I shall feel repaid in the thought of having added a trifle to brighten the pathway of some fellow being.

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There are few national mail routes in Colombian Republics. The Colombian republic stamps are used on letters, going to places on the national routes and to foreign countries. Each state has independent mail routes of its own. On the mail routes the mail is carried by men on mules or in canoes. Colombian Republic was first known as the Republic of New Granada. In 1860 the name was changed to United States of New Granada. In 1886 the present name Colombian Republic was chosen. The departmental or independent stamps of Bolivar are sold only in lots of \$2,000 face value.

There are many collectors of British stamps who do not confine themselves to postage stamps, pure and simple, but go in also for "Officially Sealed" labels, unpaid letter surcharges, Registration Fee labels,

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and all such things. To these it will be a matter of some interest to learn that the gummed label which the English postal officials apply to letters handed in for express delivery is now being printed on pink paper instead of the pale, "washed out" looking red formerly in use.

The Investment Craze.

By Verna W. Hanway

THE novice starts on his philatelic career with the brightest of hope and anticipation. His hobby becomes part and parcel of him. He spends his money freely, even lavishly. When accused of being extravagant by spending his money upon a mere hobby he informs his accuser that it is an "investment, safe and sure." This to a certain extent is true.

Most collectors love their hobby with an unselfish love, but yet none of us can entirely rid ourselves of the habit of viewing stamps from a financial standpoint. The catalogues do much towards nourishing this. No other hobby has the advantage as has philately of having a standard by which can be measured the value of our possessions. By our having this standard, however, we acquire the habit of measuring our stamps by catalogue prices.

Some collectors look upon philately as they do upon the theatre. It is a pastime, a pleasure, a tonic, the money spent is gone as soon as paid out. Let these collect in their own manner. Perhaps some day they may be brought to see the folly of their ways.

Do not think for one moment that I wish you to take a sordid view of philately, that I do not wish you to collect for your pleasure, that I wish you to collect merely for investment purposes, far from this is my intention in the writing of this article. I have from time written condemning this investment idea. Our collections are something to be kept and enjoyed, not to be disposed of at the first opportunity we have of disposing for a profit.

Still it is right that we to some extent consider our stamps from an investment standpoint. We all probably

put more money into the stamps than we could afford if we did not have some idea of the investment element in view.

It is possible, however, to make a fairly large collection of from five to ten thousand of stamps that never appreciate. The collector may also pay for these stamps a sum that will not admit of any profit. One cannot expect to make a fortune out of a collection whose stamps do not cost more than three cents each. Thus it may be plainly seen that the collector who wishes to collect wisely must study.

Every collector has experienced the joy of suddenly finding that the stamp he purchased some time ago has increased in value. As I said before, it is not possible to totally disregard the financial side of philately. And this is as it should be. No collector wishes to possess the stamp that has no philatelic value, in other words no catalogue value. The collector of experience only purchases desirable stamps.

Most of the lower priced stamps of late years are issued by the million. Therefore, used copies may be had for years, but when stamps become obsolete unused cannot be procured. So it may be plainly seen that while in unused the limit of supply has been reached, used existing by the million are not likely to appreciate. It may be safely said, buy unused for investment purposes.

Year after year foolish collectors spend their money recklessly, even foolishly. While stamps cost money, as everything else the wise know where and what to buy. I cannot refrain from quoting a verse which appeared in a philatelic journal some time ago:

"The stamps of some men found and kept,

Were not all gained by money's might—
But they, while others dreamed and
slept,

Were searching garrets in the night."

If we examine the result of careful collecting we find abundant evidence of the fact that a collector may enjoy his stamps and if ever the force of circumstances compel him to abandon his collection he can do so without regret for having spent his money upon a mere hobby. For man is at his best a selfish creature, he cannot even spend his money upon his pleasures without some thought of what he will gain in return.

A Collection of Decorated Stamped Envelopes

ONE of the many ways in which the patriotic spirit of both Northerners and Southerners expressed itself during the Civil War was the use of decorated envelopes. These envelopes were made to sell to the general public; business houses had their own special designs, and many men and women had the envelopes, used in their private correspondence, ornamented with their own special designs much the same as the smart letter paper of the present day.

The extent to which this use of decorated envelopes is shown by a collection of them that has been formed by Henry Blackwell, of New York City. Mr. Blackwell has 7,000 separate envelopes in his collection, and was twenty years collecting them.

The best series in the collection is one based on the rhyme, The "House-That-Jack-Built." The first envelope shows a cut of the Capitol at Washington with the line over it, "The house that 'Uncle Sam' built." The second shows a fat malt bag on which is printed, "The blessing we have en-

joyed as one people," and the rhyme beneath reads, "This is the malt that laid in the house that Uncle Sam built," Number three shows a rat labelled, "Secession," and the lines, "This is the rat that eat the malt that laid in the house that Uncle Sam built." Next comes comes a big cat cat "Union Preserved," which "is the cat that will kill the rat that ate the malt," etc. A dog labelled "Jeff" is over the line, "Davis is the dog that worried the cat that will kill the rat" etc. A cow marked "Scott" is "the cow with the crumpled horn"; Liberty is "the maiden all forlorn"; Uncle Sam is the man all tattered and torn." and Washington is "the parson now dead and gone that married the man all tattered an torn."

One of the crudest kind represents a mule labelled "Southern Confederacy" pulling away from a hitching post on which a U. S. flag is flying. From the tail of the donkey a Confederate flag flies, and this gem of sardoc humor is called "Southern Ass-Stock-Craze," which is explained by the line "Southern Aristocracy" underneath. A white skull and crossbones on a black flag are the sign of "J. D., His Marque." the sling of course being at Jefferson Davis. The President of the Confederacy was a favourite subject of these cartoonists.

The formation of this collection of Mr. Blackwell's was a matter of much labor. The envelopes came from all sorts of places, the most frequent source being out of the bags and trunks of officers. On going over war relics, numbers of the envelopes were unearthed, and these gradually fell into his hands. The greatest number he ever succeeded in getting at one time was a lot of over 4,000.—Hobbies.

Sir Rowland Hill was the originator or inventor of the postage stamp system in 1840.

Inscriptions on Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued.)

CHINA issued in 1878 three stamps with Chinese and English inscriptions. The first of these is of the value of 1 cadarin. The Chinese characters in the upper right and left corners read "To Ching," Chinese Empire. The three characters in the right hand panel from above downward read "Yu-Cheng-Chu," Post Administration Bureau. The three characters in the left hand panel from above downward read "Yi-Fer-Cheng" One-Candarian-mace. The other two values have the same inscription as the first with the exception of the upper character in the left hand panel. The three cent has in this panel "San-Fen-Chieng," Three-Candarin-Mace; and the five cent has "Wu-Fen-Chieng" Five-Candarian-Mace.

In 1885 a new set of three stamps was issued, a little smaller than the first issue. The inscriptions on these although slightly modified, are the first as on the first issue. The issue of 1894 consists of 9 values. The 1c has "Yi-Fen" One-Candarian in two small circles above, "To-Ching-Kno-Yu-Cheng" Chinese-Empire-State-Post Administration, in the larger central circle from right to left. It will be noticed that "Kno" is a new character, meaning state or kingdom. The 2c has "Erh-Fen" Two Candarins in the upper corners, "To-Ching Kno" Chinese-Empire-State in the right hand panel. On the other values these inscriptions are repeated, except the the inscription of value. The 9c has in addition to the common inscription, a circular character in the center that looks like an ornament; this reads "Shou" Long-Life, and is surrounded by a circle of bats, the emblems of happiness. The central design of the the 12c is the official seal of the

Chinese Postal Administration and reads "Ching-Yu-Cheng" Chinese-Post Administration. The values are expressed in the upper right hand corners, and read as follows: "San" Three, "SSu" Four, "Wu" Five, "Liu" Six, "Chiu" Nine, "Shih-Erh" Ten-Two (12), and "Erh-Chieng-SSu-Fen" Two Mace Four Candarians which is the same as 24 Candarins, the Candarian being the tenth part of a mace. The surcharge of 1897 reads (beginning at the upper right corner downwards) "Chan-Tso," "Yin-Yang" "Pan-Fen," Provisional Issue, Silver-Ocean, Half-Candarian. The compound "Ying-Yang" Silver Ocean means money from over the ocean i. e. foreign money, as the Mexican dollar. Of course on the higher values we do not find Pan-Fen; but Yi-Fen, Erh-Fen, etc. Of Scott's Nos. 44 to 49 I have no specimens and the cut in the catalogue is not plain enough to make out. Kohl, Gibbons, and Bright & Son have them under different numbers. Bright & Son teach no more than Scott, but Kohl and Gibbons illustrate the surcharges separately. There we learn that the stamp is a revenue 3c, and the surcharge is for 1c "To-Chieng-Yu-Ching," Chinese-Empire-Post-Administration in the upper line from right to left, and "Tang-I-Fen" Acting-as-One-Candarian in the second line. For the other values the top line is the same as for this. For the other values, 2, 2 and 4c, the rest of the surcharge is the same as on Scott's Nos. 24 to 29, "Chan-Tso-Yin-Yang-Erh-Fen" (or Sun-Fen-for 4c) Provisional-Issue-Foreign-Money-Two-Candarins. The \$1 has "Tang-I-Ynan," Acting-as-One-Dollar (Mexican). "I" and "Yi" is the same. On the remaining stamps of China there is nothing new, except two new characters denoting money. The character in the upper left corner

of the 20c is "Chto" the tenth part of a "Yuan." This latter word is found on the one dollar (in nearly the same position) and means the Mexican Dollar.

AMOY has one type of stamps only which has in the right hand panel "Hsia-Men-Kiang-Pu" Amoy-official board-works, "Ibsia-Men" (or Moi) might Mean House-door, but stands here for Amoy. "Kimg" is Works, and "Pu" Official Board. The characters in the two upper corners denote the value, "Pan-Hsien" Half-cent, "Yi Hsien" One-Cent, etc. Scott's cut A4 has "Hsia-Men." Amoy twice, once, once in the right hand panel and once in the two upper corners. The numerals, as for instance, "Pau" Half, "Yi" One, "Wee" Five, may now and then differ a little from one another, but they may be easily be made out by the Arabian numerals in the lower corners. On the left hand label we have "Ye-Chung-Chu" Post-Administration-Bureau same as on the stamps of the Chinese Empire.

CHEFOO has two types of stamps. On each there are but two Chinese characters, one in each of the two upper corners. They are the same in both types. The one at the right is "Yen" Smoke, and the one on the left is "T'ai" Tower. Together they give the old name "Yen-T'ai" for Chefoo.

CHINGKIANG has two types of stamps with the inscription on both. In the two upper corners is the value expressed in "Fen," between we read "Chen-Kiang-Kung-Pu" Ching-Kiang Official-Board. Otherwise "Chen" means emporium and Kiang (also pronounced Chiang) river. The surcharge for the due stamps is "Chien-Yin" Deficient-Silver, i. e. postage due.

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That Button Again

By Iberins

THE question of an emblem for the identification of the stamp collecting fraternity is one that has been very much discussed in the leading philatelic publications.

A button or pin by which those who are interested in philately could be identified is undoubtedly a necessity, and will arouse a greater interest in philately. A button or pin would not need to be large or with a complicated design, but one easily identified by fellow collectors.

There has been many suggestions made along this line both good and otherwise. The principle difficulty lies in securing a design intended to agree with the collectors of all countries. This is practically impossible as there is no one picture, inscription, or design formed on stamps of all the countries. Therefore, no general design can be used as there is none. My idea is a button about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in circumference, of some color common to the stamps of all countries. Red for instance, would be a good color because all countries have the color red somewhere on their stamps. To my notion the best idea for a design would be the arms of the country of which the collector is a citizen; around this design could be put an inscription, such as, "By Philately United," or some other motto that would be suitable; at the bottom could be put the name of the country the arms represented or date of first issue of stamps, or initials of society the collector belonged to.

A neat little button along these lines could be gotten up at a cost of \$1.00 or \$1.50, and every collector who bought one would be amply repaid for money invested by new acquaintances made. A method of recognition for the collectors is something needed, therefore let us hear more about it through our periodicals until something is done.

DO not avoid stamps because they appear at first sight speculative or unnecessary. Stamp collectors are not such important personages that stamps are often made for their especial benefit. Even in the case of little islands where the smallness of the population does not seem to warrant the issue of stamps, the cause of such issue is quite likely to be local pride in possessing a postoffice and a desire to adopt the methods of civilization. Collectors forget that even big colonies have small beginnings. For instance, Victoria, the richest of the Australian states, with a population of 1,200,000, was almost unknown 60 years ago. In 1836 the State had a total population 236, exclusive of a few thousand aborigines. In 1837 Melbourne was founded. Thirteen years later stamps were issued, the issue of 1850 being represented by 23 varieties. In 1851 gold was discovered and the colony's era of prosperity set in. When the first stamps were issued, 23 varieties in a year would no doubt have been characterized as too liberal an allowance had there been a specialist to carp. New South Wales 110 varieties in five years is also a very liberal supply for a young colony, but critics are apt to forget that the same facilities do not exist in young colonies of getting the same quality of paper, ink, etc. Why a colony should be dictated to by collectors and told that it may not change the quality of its paper if it finds something more suitable, may not buy a new perforating machine without being assailed with abuse, may not use up old stock by surcharging it with values which render it saleable, we utterly fail to see. When a small colony which can't af-

ford two or three sets of stamps for postal, fiscal, and telegraph, makes one set do, rude remarks are sometimes heard to the effect that the amalgamation has been made to exploit collectors; but it is absurd to suggest such a thing; apart from which it is often much more convenient to have only one set and one series of designs. Our strongest desire is to collect everything without fear or favor.

An International Stamp.

F. E. Halbert. South Berwick, Me.

If reports are true we are to have an International stamp which will frank all letters passing between the countries of the postal union. This would prove to be of a great convenience especially to philatelists, for then he could make remittances to foreign countries more easily and the receiver would not have to have the stamps discounted to realize on them. Again it would encourage correspondence, as one could enclose return postage and his stamps would be honored by the officials of the postoffice department.

The experiment is to be made between the United States and Canada, and then the rest are expected to fall in line. The greatest obstacle to the success of the scheme is to produce a design that would be acceptable to all nations represented by the Postal Union. The matter of engraving would be another source of trouble, but that would adjust itself in time.

We understand that the matter is beyond the agitation stage and government officials are working on the matter. The outcome of this is watched with interest.

You'd think it was a crazy farmer who only milked his cows once a year—some advertisers are just the same. White's Sayings.



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Review of Foreign Papers.

The first item to be reviewed is neither foreign nor a paper. The Colonial Stamp Company of Chicago has favored me with a copy of their new Royal Postage Stamp Album, intended for the stamps of the British Empire. I have seen quite a few albums of both domestic and foreign production and must say that in point of mechanical production this album easily ranks with the best. The binding is tasteful, the paper is good, the arrangement and appearance of the pages neat, as they are printed from engraved plates. There are no illustrations, the various issues being so clearly described as to render them superfluous. The distinctive feature of the new album is its simplification, all surcharges being omitted with very few exceptions which cannot properly be considered surcharges, such as the cent issue of British Columbia. I, myself, to be sure, do not coincide with this view of surcharges as an abomination and plead guilty to gathering such of them as I can get, but on the other hand I must applaud the intention of simplifying the collector's task. It is bound to come and the advocates of simplification can well afford to

leave surcharges out; there is still enough left. The new venture is certainly worthy of commendation, especially to beginners, and I must emphatically protest against Mr. Nankivell's ridicule as launched against the new album. It proves nothing and the question of how to simplify the collectors task is one of vital interest to our hobby, so that it is worth being discussed without rancor.—The price of the new album may be found in our advertising columns and I wish it a large sale.

Of special interest in view of the flood of Columbian issues during the last year is a long letter from Medellin, the capital of Antioquia, in No. 109 of the Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina.

I quote from it as follows:

"In Columbia there are two classes
"of postoffices: the National Post
"Office and the Departmental Post-
"Office. The National Govern-
"ment carries on the interna-
"tional service and an interior serv-
"ice—Several Departments: Antioq-
"uia, Bolivar, Boyaca, Cundinamarca,
"Santandar and Tolima, with their
"own resources, without aid from the
"National Government, support an
"interior service * * * The mail routes
"in the Department of Panama, not-
"withstanding that their stamps ap-
"pear to be departmental, are sup-
"ported by the National Government.

(This will explain the surcharging of these stamps by the new Republic of Panama; they were really confiscated federal property. If they had been departmental property, there would have been little use in surcharging them, as the ownership then would not have changed. Note of the Reviewer.)

"The departmental posts are spec-
"ially intended for the interior serv-

“ice of the respective departments
 “and mail for other departments or
 “for foreign parts cannot be mailed
 “at the offices of these posts. Cer-
 “tain cities form an exception, where
 “there is no National postoffice and
 “where such correspondence can be
 “mailed franked with either National
 “or Departmental stamps; such mail
 “is then received by the nearest Na-
 “tional office and sent to its destina-
 “tion.” (The same applies vice versa.
 Note of the Reviewers.) * * * * *

“During the last civil war the Nation-
 “al Posts were almost entirely sus-
 “pended and only those lines running
 “from Bogota to the capitals of the
 “Departments were still working—
 “even these with great irregularity.
 “In view of this the Government of
 “the Department of Antioquia took
 “over the control of all national lines
 “in its territory, converting them into
 “departmental lines and receiving
 “from them a large increase of cor-
 “respondence, which produced the
 “necessity of increasing its stamp is-
 “sues, which were large and numer-
 “ous. This was the motive of the
 “new issues of Antioquia and not
 “speculation, as might have been
 “believed.”

“The Central administration at Me-
 “dellin made an issue for national
 “service the past year, which was in
 “part catalogued in the 1903 Scott;
 “but with unpardonable neglect they
 “have multiplied varieties, printing
 “the same value on papers of differ-
 “ent colors and in different inks.
 “This issue was imperforate; it has
 “since been perforated by sewing ma-
 “chine at various postoffices, and by
 “private persons * * * .”

“For the same reason as the Na-
 “tional Office at Medellin saw itself
 “in need of stamps * * * Carta-
 “gena, Barranquilla, Rio Hacha,
 “Jumaco etc. did the same; those of

“Cucuta are mere speculation.”
 “I give an enumeration of the
 “stamps last issued at Medellin:

ANTIOQUIA ISSUE OF JUNE 1902.

“ 1 centavo rose	150,000
“ 2 “ blue	185,000
“ 3 “ green	110,000
“ 4 “ chocolate	105,000
“ 5 “ red	100,000
“ 10 “ lilac	50,000
“ 20 “ green	50,000
“ 30 “ carmine	50,000
“ 40 “ blue	50,000
“ 50 centavos brown on yellow	20,000
“ 1 peso violet	10,000
“ 2 peso rose	10,000
“ 5 peso blue	10,000
“ 2½ centavos violet (Late “ letter)	30,000
“ 5 centavos black on rose “ (A. R.)	20,000
“ 10 centavos violet on bluish “ (Registered)	50,000

“The 1 centavo rose exists on laid
 “paper; there were 52 sheets of this—
 “a total of 2600 stamps. (Of the 1c
 “imperforate 4 sheets (200 stamps)
 “have been seen, also 2 sheets with-
 “out one vertical preforation. With
 “the error 3c blue there were printed
 “1613 sheets, there being that many
 “errors.”

ISSUE OF DECEMBER 1902.

“Soon a new printing had to be made.
 “The ten cent stamps being out, a
 “new printing was made from ano-
 “ther stone in sheets of 24 stamps, as
 “the other stone was broken. Paper
 “and color as before, only one hund-
 “red sheets, 2400 stamps, 2 sheets im-
 “perforate.”

ISSUE OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1903

“As some values of the former issue
 “ran out, a new one was made on
 “poorer paper than before and with
 “two stamps in changed colors, the
 “paper for one and the ink for the
 “others, similar to the former, having

run out. The printing was done from the same stones, except the 10c for which a new one had to be made. In this stone the lithographer, it is not known whether inadvertently or purposely, included one transfer with smaller head than the others. Following are the numbers:

- 1c blue, 60,000.
 - 2c violet, 200,000.
 - 3c green, 200,000.
 - 4c chocolate, 200,000.
 - 5c red, 200,000
 - 10c lilac, 200,000.
 - 20c green, 100,000.
 - 21c violet (too late) 200,000.
 - 5c greenish black on white (A. R.) 200,000.
- Of the 3c green some sheets are minus one vertical perforation. Of the 10c with small transfer 2381 sheets were printed; there are thus that many of these smaller stamps.

(I don't remember seeing this error mentioned anywhere hertofore.—Note of Reviewer.)

COLOMBIA, MEDELLIN ISSUE OCT. 1900.

- 1c green on yellow, 200,000.
 - 2c rose on rose, 300,000.
 - 5c blue on bluish, 100,000.
 - 10c brown on yellow, 200,000.
 - 20c violet on mauve, 100,000.
 - 50c red on grey 50,000.
 - 1 peso black on yellow, 25,000.
 - 5 peso black on bluish, 10,000.
 - 10 peso brown on mauve, 10,000.
 - 10 centavos, black on white (registered, 5,000.
- Most values exist imperforate or in part perforate only.

Don Quixote, Miguel Cervantes' immortal masterpiece, was first published at Madrid, in 1605. The occasion is to be properly celebrated in Spain and La Revue Postale informs us in its January number that a special set of stamps is to be issued by Spain in honor of the event. It sounds rather

improbable, but no doubt such an issue would prove a tremendous success.

A new issue of stamps for Belgium is in contemplation. They will bear the portrait of the King. The 10, 25 and 35 centimes will be typographed, as now, but the 50c, 1 fr and 2 fr will be engraved in tailedoune. The stamps are to be issued at the time of the Liege Exposition, but are not to be a special issue for the exposition.

No. 37 of Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr is the first one of our foreign contemporaries to illustrate the designs of the new Italian issue. If the stamps are really to look like the illustrations, they will be veritable horrors, the best engravings could do nothing with such designs. I am afraid that the much heralded new issue will again exemplify the fact that one can be a great artist and yet not know how to design a postage stamp. Every new attempt of the kind makes one like Uncle Sam's Inbels all the better. The same paper illustrates the new design for the golden values of the Dutch Indies. It resembles that of the lower values; in the upper spandrels there are the figures of Commerce and Industry, in the lower ones emblems of navigation. The painting of these high values was to begin in February.

Senf Brothers, Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, in No. 601 gives an interesting illustrated review of the issues of 1903, especially of the flood of British Colonials. Our new series of stamps receives special words of commendation.—In No. 602 there is an interesting article on Nicaragua and its stamps. I quote the following in explanation of the date 11 de Julio 1903 on the late issue of Nicaragua with the portrait of President Santos Zelaya:

" Zelaya ascended the presidential
 " chair in 1893. The last president be-
 " fore him was Dr. R. Sacaza, who was
 " elected in 1889. In April 1893 a revo-
 " lution broke out, deposing Sacaza
 " and developing into bloody civil war,
 " in which Honduras interfered. Zel-
 " aya was at the head of the Liberal
 " party and on July 11, 1893 defeated
 " the Conservatives decisively on the
 " mountain range called the Cuesta,
 " which lies between the cities of
 " Managua and Leon along the lake of
 " Managua. Zelaya then appointed
 " himself president. He was not gen-
 " erally acknowledged until 1894,
 " after the war with Honduras was
 " ended, but that he dates his rule
 " from his victory on the Cuesta is
 " shown by the fact that he has
 " placed it's date on the new issue of
 " stamps. The I. B. J. now also men-
 " tions the Antioquian error with the
 " small head which I have quoted above
 " from the Argentine Revista; it says
 " that the errors were removed from the
 " sheets and destroyed. (Of course with
 " a few convenient exceptions).

In No. 3 of the Austrian Journal of
 Philately the publishers reproduce
 some correspondence which they had
 with the Commonwealth Postoffice
 Department relative to the sale of
 postage due stamps, lightly post-
 marked, by the Department. They
 wanted the practice discontinued, but
 the post master general did not see it
 that way and he points to the United
 States as absolutely forbidding the
 sale of such stamps; still the Austral-
 ian collectors do not seem to appreciate
 the favor he is doing them. The pub-
 lishers run foul of Mr. Wetherill's
 article on varieties of the 1891 half-
 penny of New South Wales. They
 call his work a waste of effort, as the
 sheet consisted not of 120 stamps as
 described by him, but 240, in 4 panes

of 60. Besides not a few of the var-
 ieties are merely due to poor impress-
 ion and not constant. (The article ap-
 peared in the American Journal of
 Philately.

The question of what are really Com-
 monwealth stamps is still being de-
 bated in Australia with unabated
 vigor. An American correspondent
 thinks that, while the contention that
 all stamps in use on and issued since
 March 1st, 1901 are Commonwealth
 stamps is no doubt historically correct,
 still the general collector will continue
 to class the stamps in use during the
 bookkeeping period with the respective
 states, as Scott's catalogue is doing.

From No. 5 of the Australian Philatel-
 est I quote the following relative to some
 of the South Australian O. S. stamps:

" In 1890 twenty copies of the 5sh rose
 " perf. 10 were overprinted O. S. in
 " black type of which only two copies
 " are known to have been postally used
 " In May 1891, 60 copies of the 2sh 6d
 " and 5sh perf. 10 were overprinted
 " with O. S. in thin letters, wide spaced
 " 14¼ mm apart. These were supplied
 " to the stamp issuer, but they were
 " only used from time to time by the
 " G. P. O. Some eight copies of the
 " 2sh 6d and nine of the 5sh are known
 " in their used state. There has been
 " only the one printing; if there had
 " been more other perforations besides
 " 10 would be found.

These ought to become rarities, if
 smallness of supply counts for any-
 thing. The same paper states that
 the postage bill of the Government
 Life Insurance Department of New
 Zealand for the year 1902 amounted to
 £1197 14sh 2d. " As this actually
 " represents the stamps used by this
 " department, it no doubt will account
 " for the scarcity of some of the valves
 " in use.



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

AS promised in my last, I give here what is known as the monogram surcharges on the 98 proprietaries of the J. Elwood Lee Co. The monogram of the letters J. E. L. and the the word Co. It was always printed in red ink, no cancellation being known in any other color. The rarest stamp of this class is the 1 cent green. I have never seen but one copy and it now reposes in the collection of a well known New Yorker.

The year date is generally added above the monogram, but by unexpected twists and turns in feeding the presses these dates sometimes appear at the bottom of the design. Then again as they were printed in sheets, there are some minor varieties of type and position of the date and sometimes it is entirely absent, the printer having forgotten to set up the type. Whether this monogram was printed first, and then the date afterwards, as suggested by some one is utterly absurd. The monogram no doubt was stereotyped sufficiently often to make up a plate the size of the sheet and my own opinion is that the dates, except in a few instances, was also stereotyped with the design—all in one.

However, to note an exception it will only be necessary to list one series of the 1 cent green of the year 1899. This occurs with the date above the design; date below; date to left of center; and no date at all; making in all five distinct and very interesting varieties.

Now a word as to these cancellations with the surcharge inverted. A series

of these stamps with the date 1900 are known and they were sold in blocks of 4 o. g. by a well known Boston firm. They guarantee that they were not deliberately printed upside down, but that it was a genuine error made in feedin the presses. It may be so. It is a fact, however, that no used specimens of the inverted surcharge have ever been found in any packages.

Here follows the list. Red surcharge:

- ½c—1898, 1899, 1900, 1901.
- ¼c— “ “ “ “
- ⅓c— “ “ “ “
- ⅕c—1898, 1899, 1900, 1901.
- 1c—1898.
- 1¼c—1900, 1901.
- 2c—1898, 1900.
- 2½c—1899, 1900.
- 5c 1899, 1900, 1901.

Inverted surcharges of the year 1900 only: ⅓c, ¼c, ⅕c, ⅙c, 1¼c, 2c, 2½c, 5c.

THE CHAS. FLETCHER PROVISIONALS.

These contain the words "The Centaur Co." in the upper left hand corner, then the signature of "Chas. Fletcher, Prest." diagonally across the stamp and date underneath. With the exception of two instances they were printed in red ink. The inverted surcharges are very, very few and extremely scarce. I never saw but one on the ⅓ cent blue. One other value I think has been reported, but not being certain I cannot list it here.

¼c—7-1-'98, black ink. 1¼c '98 blue black ink. ⅓c 7-1-'98, red ink inverted surcharge. There are also two hand stamps in an eastern collection but I have no details. All the rest are found printed in red ink.

- ⅓c 7-1-'98, ⅓c 8-1-'98, ⅓c '98, ⅓c '99,
- 1c 7-1-'98, 1¼c 7-1-'98, 1¼c '98, 1¼c '99.

The future of revenue stamps is very promising. Many stamp collectors who have heretofore neglected them, preferring to decorate their albums with foreign stamps altogether, are falling in line and collecting revenues

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Bx 37, Wayside, Wis

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address, and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

157.—WHAT IS A MEAT INSPECTION STAMP?—It is merely a label which the meat inspector puts on boxes or barrels which he has inspected. It is $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches (more or less), perforated on one or more sides and bears the inscription "Meat Inspection Stamp, Act of March 13, 1891, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry" besides a number and the signature of the secretary. To my knowledge it does not represent any fee or value and consequently does not belong under the heading of fiscal or revenue stamps. I do not know whether more than one type has been used. It has no philatelic value.

WHY IS THE PORTRAIT OF KING WILLIAM III OF NETHERLANDS ON THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE STAMPS OF LUXEMBURG?—Because King William III of Netherlands was also the Grand Duke of Luxemburg. When he died the Grand Duchy passed to Adolphus, Duke of Nassau, while Holland passed to King Williams daughter, the present Queen Wilhelmina.

WHY HAS LUXEMBURG SUCH ODD VALUES OF STAMPS AS $12\frac{1}{2}$ AND $37\frac{1}{2}$ CENTIMES?— $12\frac{1}{2}$ c was the equivalent of 1 silbergroschen, the single rate in German-Austrian Postal Union, which Luxemburg joined in 1852. $37\frac{1}{2}$ c is equal to 3 silbergroschen. Why these values should be continued to the present time, I fail to see, or can it be for the benefit (?) of stamp collectors.

160.—WHAT DO THE MONOGRAMS AM AND ME ON THE ISSUE 1882 OF LUXEM-

BURG MEAN?—They stand for the designer, A. Mark, and the engraver, E. Mouchan.

161.—WHAT CATALOGUE IS THE BEST FOR A BEGINNER?—The one he can get easiest and quickest. Mekeel's will be good after it can be had, but Scott's is here and its good too. In fact any catalogue is good for the beginner, but the main thing for him is to get it quick, and use it often. If it be Scott's or Kohl's or Gibbon's, or any other, the beginner need not bother with the minor varieties, but simply follow the main numbers, he'll be all right.

162.—From Mekeel's Weekly I see that Mr. G. W. Pepper, New York City offers a "full line of Foreign Revenue catalogues." It would be well to ask for his list, or to ask for further information regards these catalogues from him.

163.—It seems that in some cases the margins of the plates failed to get ink into the plate number inscription, and the result is a blank. Now and then a sheet is found which has no plate number on one margin, while on the other it is all right. Every pane of 100 stamps should have 2 impressions of the plate number and 2 sides (the inner ones) without any margin. I have not seen any that were altogether without plate numbers, but if the impression may be left imprinted in one place by accident, why not as easily in two?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE LETTERS "ON H. M. S." AL FOUND ON STAMPS OF INDIA? It does not mean "On mail ship." The inscription stands for "On Her Majesty's Service" or stamps used during Queen Victoria's reign, and now since King Edward sways the scepter for "On His Majesty's service."

164. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A THIRD AND A FOURTH CLASS POST OFFICE?—I quote from Postal Laws and Regulations, 1902: "The first class shall embrace all those whose annual salaries are \$3000.00 or more. The second class shall embrace all those whose annual salaries are less than \$3000.00 but not less than \$2000.00. The third class shall embrace all those whose annual salaries are less than \$2000.00 but not less than \$1000.000. The fourth class shall embrace all postmasters whose annual compensation, exclusive of their commissions on the money order business of their office amounts to less than \$1000.00. Class 1 to 3 are appointed by the president of the United states; class 4 is appointed by the postmaster general. The first three classes are called "presidential" and receive salaries according to the gross receipts of their office, the lowest for a third class office being \$1900.00. The fourth class postmaster gets his compensation upon the basis of box rent, stamps cancelled on matter actually maile dat his office, and amount received from waste paper, etc., (commission on money orders are excluded, on special delivery stamps there is no commission.) If the receipts of a fourth class office are \$50.00 or less for three months, the postmaster gets all; if more, he gets 60 per cent, 50 per cent, or 40 per cent, according to the amount of his receipts, but he can never get more than \$1000 a year. unless his office is raised into the third class.

165. WHAT ARE "NIXIES" IN THE MAILS. Letters or parcels with insufficient address, or without any address whatever. The word "Nix" is probably a corruption of the German "Nichts," meaning nothing, i. e. nothing to show the proper destina-

tion.

166. WHAT ARE "STAR ROUTES" IN THE MAIL SERVICE? Routes which are let out to the lowest bidder for carrying the mails without designation for the mode of conveyance. Thus, one star route may convey the mail on horseback, another by dog sledge, by stage coach, etc. They are principally in new and unsettled districts.

167 WILL THERE BE ANY PHILATELIC EXHIBITS AT THE WORLDS FAIR AT ST. LOUIS THIS YEAR?

168. WHAT IS THE USE OF COLLECTING STAMPS IN PAIRS, BLOCKS, OR STRIPS? In regard to stamps which were engraved or drawn separately, so that each specimen differed some from all others on the plate or stone, pairs, blocks, or stripes are of the preatest importance for the reconstruction of whole sheets. Non-perforated as well as part perforated stamps can be be proved as such only, when in pairs, etc. The tel-bache stamps can be recognized in this condition only. In other cases the perforation between pairs is much better peeserved than in single stamps. In case of used stamps, the part obliterated in one stamp may be clean and plain in the other one. There is more display in a collection of pairs and it is more difficult to make than one of singles.

130. The J. M. Bartels Co., of Boston, Mass., announce the 3rd edition of their envelope catalogue. The book is to be enlarged so as to comprise all U. S., and U. S. Colonies envelopes, and be a treatise with price list. Why the edition should be limited to 250 copies and the price be \$5.00 and \$2.50 respective-y, I fail to understand. I would rather see the edition four or five times as large and the price smaller by half. Perhaps, if enough orders are sent, the publishers will change his mind.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

MALTA has a stamp bearing the picture of the shipwreck of St. Paul. An account of it may be found in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter xxvii.

On the stamps of Crete is the picture of St. George slaying the Dragon, symbolical of the Christian stamping out sin.

The St. Louis Exposition stamps will be almost twice as large as the stamps of the current series. The portraits will not occupy any more space than they do now.

It is not generally known that the portrait depicted on Laird stamp is that of Harriet Hubbard Ayer, who has recently died.

Notices have recently been sent out in regard to a proposed international philatelic exhibition to be held at Berlin, September, 1904.

By a recent ruling of the British postoffice department, postmasters will no longer be allowed to give cash for stamps when they are handed in over the counter.

One of the London stamp companies will print their auction catalogues on paper which was prepared for the South African Republic before the Boer war. The paper is watermarked "Z. A. R."

At the last meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club a dividend of \$2 was

voted to each active resipient member to be used for the purchase of stamps, stamp literature and the like.

A stamp dealer in one of the eastern states is now putting packets of stamps in the different college colors.

Hereafter British Somaliland will be known by the name of Somaliland Protectorate. A new series of stamps similar to the East Africa and Uganda Protectorate stamps will soon be issued.

The newest thing in stamp novelties is cuffbuttons. It is quite the fad now to wear cuff buttons which are set with postage stamps.

The 6 cent New Zealand shows the bird commonly known as the "Kiwi." It's scientific name being Apteryx Mantelli. It is the lowest form bird which exists, but is so scarce that scientists are happy to get a specimen in any condition. It is absolutely without wings or tail; its legs are short and stubby; and the legs are used for digging. The body covering is a cross between hair and feathers. They can develop great speed and put up a desperate fight when attacked. A peculiar trait is that during the day they conceal themselves under rocks or roots of trees, and when at rest resemble to some extent a hedgehog when coiled up.

After a collector gets fairly well started he should give a part of his time to the study of the secret marks on stamps. Many of the earlier issues especially those of the German States have secret marks. They were used to prevent counterfeiting. It was quite a surprise to collectors a few years ago to discover that a whole issue of United States stamps bore secret marks. When space will permit the editor will be glad to tell about some of the secret marks on United States stamps and just where to look to find them.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A S of C C

Dr. Merrill, curator of geology of the National Museum, returned not long ago from a trip to Montana and the northwest, where he gathered one of the most interesting collections that has reached the Museum for many years. Most collectors have heard of the petrified forest of Arizona, but few are aware of the existence of one in Montana of equal extent and in many ways more remarkable than the one in the southwest. The Arizona forest is peculiar for the reason that entire trees and logs have been changed to agate, and in this connection it may be said that it is by no means unusual to find wood converted to agate, chalcedony, silicate and quartz, but this Montana forest visited by the Washington curator shows trees and logs changed to opal; and opalized wood is a very rare thing.

Dr. Merrill brought back with him to be placed on exhibition in the National Museum at Washington, a large number of specimens consisting of sections of logs, and limbs, in many of which the grain of the wood is discernible. The colors are white, bluish, smoky, black, and in every case translucent. The fact that the wood has been changed to opal is apparent at first glance, the beautiful coloring and sheen of the opal being unmistakable. Dr. Merrill also obtained some of the largest crystals of smoky quartz ever

seen in the museum. One measures two feet in length, and another which the doctor was unable to carry with him, but left to be shipped to Washington later, was even larger.

An interesting collection of dental tools, the history of which can be traced back more than two hundred years, has been presented to the Bucks County (Penn.) Historical Society, by Isaac H. Hall. The instruments were the property of Mahon H. Hall, the father of the donor, who died forty years ago at the age of eighty years.

W. A. Good of Harrisonburg, Virginia, writing to the editor of this department a few weeks ago said: "A curio and relic search was made in this locality recently by me, and I had the pleasure of finding a very fine deposit of "Iceland Spar," which is so highly prized by collectors. The find was made on a high, stony ridge, in red clay soil, the outward appearance of the spar being very crude, but when broken open the specimens separated in ice-like blocks of a dainty glistening hue, and a beautiful parallelogram shape. Another find on the same trip was some showy quartz crystals which I have not been able to classify. These have a brownish hue and beautiful transparent colors on the interior, resembling the ordinary

highly-finished glass marbles. These crystals are much prized by collectors here, but unfortunately they seem to be somewhat rare, and has not been found to my knowledge at but a single point in the county. This locality having been the scene of many bloody struggles during the late Civil War, it offers an exceptionally fine chance for the finding of war relics. My next search will be for specimens along this line." Let us hear from Bro. Good again.

Another letter which the Curio Editor was pleased to receive a few weeks ago was one from Dr. H. Schumacher, of Walcott, Iowa, who advised me of a find he recently made which seems to prove conclusively that man existed on this continent prior to the glacial period. He sent a group of pen-drawings of the specimens found by him, and I wish it were possible for me to reproduce these sketches here, for they picture the stone very nicely. Mr. Schumacher's descriptive letter is too long for me to reproduce here, so I have arranged it into the form of an essay, and it is printed elsewhere in this issue. I trust that our good friend Warren K. Moorehead or some other acknowledged authority will communicate with Mr. Schumacher and avail themselves of his offer to send the stone for inspection.

A collection of coins and medals recently bequeathed to the Belgian Royal Library by the late M. Charles van Schoor possesses rare interest for numismatists. The distinguishing feature of the collection is that it is restricted exclusively to papal issues, of which there are 2,750 pieces. Of these 1,450 are coins; 248 in gold, 1,060 in silver, and 240 in copper and bronze. The other 1,300 are medals; 26 in gold, 630 in silver, and 644 in copper. In issues dating from the 12th century the

collection is especially rich, very few pieces being missing.

Prof. Charles Basketville of the Museum of Natural History, New York, and Prof. Dana as well as the Tiffany's, have been examining, testing and experimenting with a new gem stone which has lately been discovered by Dr. George F. Krunkz, the famous mineralogist, and which has been named, in honor of him, Krunkzite. The new stone is to be classed with what are known as fancy gems, such as topaz and taniulum; is of a peculiar rose-lilac hue, and is said to be native to parts of California, although the first of the precious specimens came from Mexico. Some of the experiments made with this new gem-stone have produced peculiar results, as for instance, when exposed to the ultraviolet ray the stone refused to become fluorescent, but when exposed to the X-ray it became so luminous that when placed in a dark room it photographed itself on a sensitive plate. Krunkzite has already taken its place among the gems of the world.

Ray L. Jewell of Stony Ford, Colusa County, Calif., one of our Curio Society members writes me that a farmer living near the town "While digging post holes some weeks ago found an old sword the handle of which had rotted off but which was otherwise in good condition. There is no date on it at all. On the hand guard is a figure of Liberty, seated, holding a staff upright, with a cap on the staff. On her left is a shield having thereon fourteen stars. On her right, and a little below two figures appear, seeming to be those of men fighting with swords. To the right of these figures and above is a flying eagle with four arrows in talons. At the top over the eagle and extending to the left over the head liberty, in a circle is the mot-

to E. Pluribus Unum. Under that, forming a long, narrow oval are fourteen stars. The end of the sword's handle is formed in the shape of an eagle's head and neck with the beak open. The guard is just one side. On the handle side of the hand guard appear the Roman numerals "X V I," seeming to have been scratched there with a knife. The blade being extremely rusty no marks could be distinguished on it. The sword was found on an old Indian Village site, or "ranchooree," and was thirteen inches below the surface. The farmer has already had an offer of \$100 for the unique weapon." Have any of the WEST'S readers who are familiar with old arms any idea as to whose sword this could have been and how it got there?

W. H. Wright, head of the Lick Observatory expedition, now in Chili, reports the discovery of a remarkably perfect specimen of the ichthyosaurus. South America has never been known previously to furnish any specimens of these prehistoric silurians so valuable to science. This fossil was discovered near Coquimbo, Chili, and the specimen has been unearthed in almost perfect condition.

The Carnavelet Museum in Paris contains a collection of pens which, while interesting from a Connoisseur's point of view as works of art, are no less attractive to the curio collector. Every time a sovereign visits the town hall in Paris he is begged to sign his name in the visitors' book, and for this purpose a richly ornamented pen is handed the royal visitor. These pens are, of course, used only the once, when they are laid away in the museum, properly labeled with the name of the monarch who used it, the date and the occasion,

If those who are interested in archaeology will drop a card to The Robert Clarke Company, East Fourth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, they may obtain a prospectus concerning Prof. Warren K. Moorehead's forthcoming encyclopedia, "The Stone Age." This work will comprise two volumes and will illustrate more than 4,000 different specimens. It will be the greatest work on archaeology ever issued.

Some Huge Coins.

It is said that the largest gold coin now in circulation is the gold ingot, or "lool" of Aham, a French colony in Eastern Asia. It is a flat, round gold piece, and on it is written in Indian ink its value, which is about forty-five pounds. The next sized coin to this valuable but extremely awkward one is the "obang," Japan, which is worth about ten pounds, and next comes the "benda," of Ashantee, which represents a value of about nine pounds.

The California fifty dollar gold piece is worth about the same the "benda." The heaviest silver coin in the world also belongs to Anam, where the silver ingot is worth about three pounds.

An advertisement cannot always be depended on to get the customer, It will bring the inquiry and then the advertiser must set about making a customer of the inquirer. To do this there must be a proper combination of goods, price, and salesman. The advertisement has served its purpose if, through it buyer and seller have been brought into communication. The business relationship must yet be established. If the inquirer be not converted into a customer, it can hardly be said, in justice, that the ad did not pay. It paid, but there was something lacking in the combination of goods, price and salesman.

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Since addressing you two months ago, I have appointed as manager of the Auction Department Mr. A. D. Blair, Jr., of Elmira, N. Y. and as Librarian Mr. Albert F. Distelhorst, Dorchester, Wis.

To make these departments of benefit necessitates the active co-operation of all the members and I trust each of these gentlemen will receive the same.

The Sales Department is receiving every attention from Mr. Crowell, the Superintendent, and members in patronizing same will be pleased with the results.

W. H. BARNUM, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

NEW MEMBERS

70. Jose Gutierrez, Hernandez, Santo Fomas, Cuba

71. A McKechnie, Ottawa, Ont, Can

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75. Wendall Wheeler, Latham, Ill

76. Perry Wade Fuller, Wake Forest, N C

77. Minnie McCannahan, Findlay, O

78. W B Bartley, Fort Francis, Ont, Can

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80. C Wesley, Price, Truso, N S, Can

81. Stedman Bent, Overbrook, Pa

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

82. G F White, Preston Hollow, N Y, fruit exporter, age 50, ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

83. Arthur Charles Ballard, 225-4th St, Baraboo, Wis, stamp dealer, age 19, ref

S E Moisant, P A Ballard

84. Kames C Mills, Pennington Gap, Va, bookkeeper, age 40, Ref S E Moisant, J W Nebruns

85. Walter G Boebinger, 904 Vine St, Cincinnati, Ohio, numismatist, age 23, ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

86. B L Voorhees, Blue Island, Ill, insurance, age 21, ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

87. LeRoy Hetherington, Kankakee, Ill, collector, age 19, ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

88. John Sohn, Deadwood, S D, shoe business, age 33, ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

89. Joseph Saymon, 12 W 117th St, New York, N Y, clerk, age 18, ref S E Moisant, A Herbst

90. William H Field, 749 Giddings Ave, Cleveland, Ohio, clerk, age 36, ref H C Crowell, W H Barnum

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

33. Oney K Carstarphen from P O Box 734, Denver, Colo. to 1440 Broadway, New York City

The society is growing, the influx of new members is only an encouragement to strive for more. I want to see two hundred members on the roll before the convention in August. Of course you cannot expect me to get enough members myself to make this number, but will not the other officers and members help me in my endeavor to reach the two hundred mark before the convention. We now have ninety members and applicants. To reach the two hundred mark we must have 110 more. I will pledge myself to bring in fifty of these at least. I will leave it to the balance of the society (ninety members and officers) to bring the other sixty members.

Will you, officers and members of the Stamp Collector's Association assist me in my endeavor to increase the membership of this organization from ninety members to two hundred before August 15, 1904? The society is ours and our

interests are the same and is it not as much to your interest as it is to mine to see that the society stands as near to the top as possible? The answer of you all, will be the same, I am sure. Then, let us all go to work.

Taking it for granted that I have the assistance of you all, send to me for some application blanks, stating how many you want, and see that you do your share toward getting 110 new members which mean an average of only eighteen applications each month.

Again earnestly soliciting your support and thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours very truly,

SHIRLEY E. MOISANT, Secy.

To the Officers and Members of the Stamp Collectors' Association:

I beg herewith to submit my report as treasurer, for the period ending Jan. 30, 1904:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand per last report...	\$ 7.50
Nov. 2, 1903, Received for dues...	6.00
Dec. 9, " " " " ...	6.50
Jan. 30, 1904, " " " " ...	10.50

Total Receipts.....\$50.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 20, 1904, Postage for Secy ...	\$1.50
Dec. 3, 1903 Paid for Official Organ	2.51
" 3, " Postage and Exchange for Treasurer.....	.45
" 9, " Postage for Secy.....	3.00
Jan. 8, 1904, Paid for membership cards	1.25
" 30, " Paid for application blanks	4.50
" 30, " Postage for Secy.....	4.61

Total disbursements\$17.82

Total receipts..... \$30.50

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Balance on hand Jan. 30, 1904... \$12.68

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ZUEHLKE, Treas.

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Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents; annual dues, 50c. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks.

All honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

Free Identification Bureau for naming and classifying shells, minerals, fossils, coins, etc., for members only, in charge of a competent superintendent, will examine and name doubtful specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is given above, with whom members can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accrue to collectors through membership. Address the Secretary for an application blank and fuller details or write to the President or any of the following members of the Recruit Bureau for blanks and information: Howard E. Bishop, Sayre, Penn.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Alken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

Fellow Members: I herewith submit to you my report for February. It

is anything but a flattering one to make when you take a look at the long list of delinquent members, and wonder why it is that so many can not or do not remit the sum of \$50 for their annual dues. Can it be that this amount is not forthcoming, or that you are not getting fifty cents worth of good out of your association with the A. S. C. C.? Surely not; it is merely an oversight or due to neglect in attending small matters. Your President, who is a very busy man, and your Sec'y-Treas., whose time is being taken up by important business matters, are using their valuable time and some finances to promote the interest of the A. S. C. C., but our efforts will soon be in vain unless we have the good will and financial support of the members. This is all we ask in return for our services. Every delinquent member whose number appears in this report will be suspended for the non-payment of dues until such time as they remit their dues to the Secy-Treas. and are rein-stated, and during suspension they will not receive any benefits or the official organ, "THE PHILATELIC WEST" from the A. S. C. C. Therefore look up your membership cards and see if YOU ARE NUMBERED AMONG THE DELINQUENTS. Attend to this promptly.

Members of A. S. C. C. Who have paid their dues:—Numbers 1, 3, 11, 21, 26, 41, 55, 61, 62, 63, 64, 76, 78, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 119, 128, 134, 146, 170, 172, 173, 176, 177, 182, 185, 186, 189, 224, 232, 244, 259, 267, 268, 271, 275, 282, 312, 325, 327, 328, 331, 336, 345, 347, 348, 349, 350, 380, 385, 404, 420, 423, 440, 442, 443, 468, 469, 474, 475, 476, 480, 482, 486, 491, 496, 498.

All others are delinquent since January 1st., 1904.

I wish to purchase or exchange illustrated envelopes and letter paper of the Civil War.

E. C. Farnsworth, 29 Falmouth St., Portland, Me.

New members:—525, Herman Zuber, Antwerp, O.; 526, Frank L. Groves, Delaware, O.; 527, G. N. Remington, St. Anthony Falls Station, Minneapolis, Minn.; 528, Geo. B. Mair, Broken Bow, Neb.

Applications:—529, R. M. Lane, 25 Grove St., Et. Barrington, Mass.; 530, H. D. Gates, Poultney, Vt.; 531, Edward C. Farnsworth, 29 Falmouth St., Portland, Me.; C. W. Baker, Graniteville, Aiken Co., S. C.; S. P. Odell, Fremont, Mich.; D. M. Merrill, 576 Bradley St., St. Paul, Minn.

Resigned:—Wm. H. Baker, Quincy, Mass.

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An Ancient Violin **BY F. E. HALBERT**

A gentleman of Boston has in his possession an extremely old, richly carved and inlaid violin which he treasures very highly. In the 16th century the violin was first made in its present form. A form that all our modern science and mechanical ingenuity has failed to improve upon. Another instrument by the same maker but bearing a date four years earlier, 1511, was sold recently for \$15000. So fine and perfect is the inlaying done on the Boston violin that it so closely resembles a painting, one is obliged to examine it very closely to detect the difference. Around the sides are the following words which have not been translated by anyone who has seen it in recent years: "Odilla De Megina Dey Viltos Ariesy Et Prima." This relic was handed down for centuries as an heirloom by the descendants of a French count named Hugo. The music from this exquisite old violin is wonderfully rich, deep and charming. It awakens the imagination to vivid pictures of an almost forgotten past. There is something awe-inspiring about a good old violin for the older they are the richer and softer the tone.

THE MANTLE OF THE PAST.

By Rev. W. A. Laughlin, Charlotte,
N. Y.

(For "The West.")

Leaving the picturesque village of Lewiston, N. Y., our footsteps press where, centuries ago, the red men fought and conquered, lost and won. Soon the historic Tuscarora reservation is reached and, as we wander over ballowed ground, we endeavor to lift the mantle of the past from mysteries profound. Here and there we observe a few stray skulls, a heap of human bones, records of the fiery Iroquois, the noted warrior host.

Originally these Iroquois—"the Romans of the new world"—consisted of but five nations, or tribes, but early in the eighteenth century the Tuscaroras ran the gauntlet of dangers and oppressions, till eventually reaching the Iroquois they were adopted, thus forming a part of "the six nation confederacy." This famous Iroquois league had for its originator the wise man, Hiawatha.

There was a time—and that is all we know—when this sixth and last family, the Tuscaroras, lived on the banks of the Neuse river. Here the "Oro-give-how-wa" or Tuscaroras, increased in valor, knowledge and skill. Before the discovery of America by Columbus they numbered six towns, having a population of nearly 6,000 souls.

In 1713 through a combination of causes the Tuscaroras were a crushed and vanquished nation. The Oneidas hearing of the disasters of the Tuscaroras, invited them to come to their reserve. Two years later at the general council of the Iroquois league the

Tuscaroras made application to be received into the famous Iroquois confederacy on the ground of a common generic origin, which application was granted. Leaving their cherished homes in North Carolina, they were located in a section of the Oneida's territory between the Unadilla river and the Chenango, and here for about 70 years they enjoyed peace.

During the war of the revolution the Tuscaroras took an active part for the United States. At the close of the war two Tuscarora families went hunting and fishing along the eastern shores of the Niagara river as far as Lewiston. Leaving their canoes, they traveled east up the mountain to a place now called "The Old Sawmill." Family after family followed and this was the beginning of the present Tuscarora reservation.

During a treaty held at Genesee, Ontario county, 1797, the Senecas ceded the country that included the present Tuscarora reserve, but the government reserved and donated to the tribe two square miles of land, to which the Senecas added one square mile, making in all three square miles of fertile land occupied as a Tuscarora reservation.

This reservation is an ideal spot, filled with the music of rushing streams and bird songs. A land where the many cultivated fields attract attention, with their varied crops. Many beautiful homes have been built upon the reserve and a few of their primitive huts still remain, the one in this photograph being over 100 years old.

Nor do these Tuscaroras seem to be content with a mere dream-like existence. Being members of the "Kanon-

sionni," the builders of the long house, they endeavor to keep the western part of the confederacy abreast of the times. As evidences of this they dress and conduct themselves like the whites. Among their effects sewing machines, organs, pianos and bicycles are now rather common. Efficient teachers conduct their schools. The first school was built in 1831. Their temperance society was organized in 1830.

For about 100 years the missionaries have labored among the tribe with great success. The Baptists and Presbyterians have each erected handsome churches.

The great center is the council house, where the chiefs discuss the affairs of the tribe. In this council house a convention is held annually, delegates being present from the entire six tribes.

An Iroquois council or "condolence," as it is sometimes called, occupies three days and delegates are present from all six nations—the Mohawk, the Onondaga, the Seneca, the Oneida, the Cayuga and the Tuscarora. The opening ceremonies are unique, almost indescribable. Sometimes the council is called to elect vacancies in the sachems, which election is preceded by a dolorous banquet for the deceased. At the setting of the sun supper is served and grace is said in a high, shrill key, ending in a prolonged and monotonous sound. Dancing follows after supper, two varieties of dancing being introduced, the trotting dance and the fish dance. In these dances the men begin alone, the women put themselves beside the particular braves they wish to dance with. After religious exercises speeches are made by the sachems, with which this most in-

teresting council ends.

Many of the Tuscaroras are excellent musicians and at present the reservation possesses two bands, which frequently parade the streets of adjoining towns and cities.

Chief Pine Tree, of the Tuscarora tribe, and one of the most prominent sachems in the six nations, is the chieftain who started the Kansas lands claim against the United States government, the contest resulting in an award of \$2,000,000, which sum is soon to be appropriated and delivered to the six tribes.

There is a curious antique fort called "Klenuka," that is "stronghold," which demands more than a passing notice. The remains of this citadel are located on a natural escarpment of the ridge, on the reservation, known at present by the name of the "Old Sawmill." Tradition says that at the foundation of the Iroquois confederacy a queen or peacemaker was located here.

For more than a century the Tuscaroras have been firm friends to Uncle Sam. They took an active part in the revolutionary war. The Tuscaroras again evinced their friendship for the United States in the war of 1812, when they guarded the Niagara river at Lewiston. During the civil war a large number of Tuscaroras enlisted as volunteers, most of whom sacrificed their blood upon the battlefield.

Some speak of these aborigines of America as if they were rapidly becoming extinct. In 1660 the Iroquois numbered 11,000 souls. By the census of 1890 it is found that 8,483 live in Canada and 7,387 in the United States, another evidence that the native American race is not dying out.

OUR SECOND OPINION CONTEST.

The West opinion contest number two closed the 29th. This contest like our first opinion contest, resulted in scores of our readers donning their thinking caps and striving for a prize. The only man who seems to regard these contests with disfavor is the contest editor—the summing up is a task of considerable magnitude. In awarding the prizes where merit was the qualification, he called in the managing editor and the business manager for consultation, and the result below was obtained by their joint check and decision.

There were 100 contestants entered in this contest, their opinions being as follows (the number opposite each dealer's name indicates the number of contestants who considered his ad the best):

THE BEST PAGE AD:

W. F. Slusser, 15; Chas. King Son & Co., 5; Tiffin Stamp Co., 5; F. W. Reid, 5; Science & Art Corporation, 10; Greater N. Y. Stamp & Coin Co., 5; St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., 15; United Stamp Co., 5; Opinion Contest Ad, 5; Northwestern School of Taxidermy, 5; W. H. Plank, 5.

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Wm. Hofert & Co., 10; Wendelin Weber, 20; Western Stamp Co., 5; Frank Dee Brayton, 15; A. J. Koens, 5; Eisengart & Son, 5; S. P. Hughes, 30; F. W. Pickard, 10.

THE BEST ONE-FOURTH PAGE AD:

Premium Stamp Co., 5; Clark W. Brown, 5; George J. Steele, 5; C. R. Homan, 10; C. W. Lawrence, 10; International Stamp Exchange, 5; T. C. Auf der Heide, 5; L. T. Brodstone, 5; Franklin Coombs, 5; F. J. Martin, 5; Union Stamp Co., 5; Knoxville Engraving Co., 5; Raphael Tuck & Son Co., 5; Heyn, the Photographer, 15; George D. Barnes, 5; F. C. Young, 5.

THE AD CONTAINING THE GREATEST BARGAIN:

Anybody's Magazine, 5; F. W. Reid, 5; A. C. McDonald, 10; Manheim Stamp Co., 20; Butz Stamp Co., 5; C. A. Nast, 5; George D. Barnes, 10; Chas. King Son & Co., 5; R. Buckins, 5; W. H. Plank, 5; Wendelin Weber, 10; S. P. Hughes, 5; West Subscription Ad, 5; R. E. Tower, 5.

A careful computation shows the following to be prize winners:

FIRST PRIZE:

John F. Simpkins, Julius Courtney, A. S. Martin, S. D. H. North, P. B. Wright, Jos. Karr, E. F. Gardner, R. Buckins,

Wm. E. Stevens, Roy L. Jewell.

SECOND PRIZE:

W. N. Shadle, C. Edwards, R. L. Wood, M. L. Hewitt, L. A. Switzer, C. C. Kane, Joy Johnson, Dr. C. F. Noe, Oscar E. Lancaster, Guy Clark, Jos. H. Oddy, C. P. DeKay.

THIRD PRIZE:

W. P. Young,

FOURTH PRIZE:

C. G. Moehling, Lea Johnstone, Roy L. Jewell, Amanda A. Brock, Maxwell C. E. Hart, Raymond Swab, E. R. Bowle, Wm. E. Stevens, W. F. VanDusen, Warren Ware, B. L. Parker, J. A. D. Park, Eleanor A. May, Frank L. Robbins.

The first prize is \$20 in stamps, coins, curios, cameras or ad space in the West. There having been ten whose reply to two or more of the questions agreed with the majority, this prize will be divided into ten equal parts, and winners are requested to notify us whether they want stamps, coins, souvenir cards, curios, camera supplies or ad space.

Mr. W. P. Young, to whom is awarded the third prize, failed to agree with his competitors on any of the questions. However, his replies appear to fully come within the requirements, and although there are several others whose MSS is of merit, Mr. Young's is selected as the prize winner. His replies were:

1 W. F. Slusser's is the most interesting page ad. It is gotten up in a very attractive manner. The portrait of Mr. Slusser begets confidence, which is the basis of any successful business. Without desiring to flatter the original of the wood cut, it is a face that denotes square-dealing, integrity, push, and insists on having a fair chance in the mercantile world. The ad is well worded, giving a clear idea of what the advertiser has, his terms and his desires. It also shows that he intends to give his patrons the worth of their money.

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sider the best half-page one, for the reason that it insists on being seen, then, curiosity demands a careful perusal. The ad conveys in a simple concise manner the business methods of the firm, and is bound to increase their patronage, which is the main purpose of this, and all other advertising.

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The Postal Card Fad.

Fads may be a weakness of Americans, as has been asserted, but fads are not altogether weaknesses. Some of our fads may lead us to do foolish things in the super-exuberance of our enthusiasm but most of our minor fads—fads for collecting this, that or the other thing, for instance, have an educational value that should not be disregarded. Collecting postage stamps has a geographical value of no small importance; collecting autographs has a biographical significance and is in itself a valuable phase of one's education; so the prevailing fad for collecting postal cards as souvenirs of all nations and all places of interest has a tendency to stimulate us to familiarize ourselves with the countries and points of interest to which the cards relate. It often requires some such incentive to induce us to read up upon these subjects of interest, a knowledge of which forms a goodly part of our education.

Souvenir Post Cards.

By Miss M. Keller.

Various sets of St. Louis Fair cards came to my notice, and it can be said that they lay claim to design and execution of a superior order. There is and ought to be a big sale of these cards especially if in the hands of some one who knows the ins and outs of the business as our friend Adolph Selige does. His cards are placed on the standard where it belongs—among the foremost of America's Souvenir card publications. Some of Selige's comic valentine postal cards were rich, and overflowing with humor. Some of these represented framed slates, on which were written funny verses and phrases in various dialects together with comical pictures of a boy or girl. These represented various nationalities, some subjects being dressed as Hollanders, Norwegians, Germans, Japanese etc. They are great mirth rousers, and anyone with only a small sense of fun would enjoy seeing them. They are richly coloured and make a cute missive for a valentine worth while with the added prospect of some one else the other end of the mail sharing the fun too. A set of fine and richly coloured Exposition Cards are seen from the dealer mentioned before. These represent the various buildings at the Exposition Grounds. These have been advertised, or are being advertised in the "PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS." We see various opinions of the Press on the Souvenir Card fad:—Pictorial post cards have of late obtained wonderful popularity and are coming into rivalry with postage stamps for the enthusiasm of collectors. If the pictorial post card is to be done at all, it could hardly be done better than at present: judging from the grand series of post cards for sale here

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RAMBLES THROUGH MY CARD COLLECTION.

By L. Voelchert, Appleton, Wis.

Looking over my card collection is like visiting old-time friends. Although a collector of nearly everything the two hobbies I ride most are philately and philocarty. The latter has its advantage over the former in that every card is a messenger—something original and interesting. It is, in fact, an original collection of art, travel, history and biography, which force new beauties on your mind the more you observe them. A picture is like a rare book. The more you study them the more details you discover and the more interesting they become.

Each of my cards bears the signature and message of the sender. Signatures from boys and girls, men and women, domestic and foreign, some in professional life and a few signatures of royalty. Each handwriting has its own characteristics, each an original way of writing their message. Some jokes, others have a brief "Thank you," still others bear a lengthy description, etc., etc.

Many written in foreign languages, some bearing the cancellations of many cities to which they were missent. Cards from different nations and different states showing street scenes, natural scenery, ruins, churches, abbeys, cathedrals and other beautiful buildings. Cards of soldiers, statesmen, actors, actresses, animals, historic places, castles, statues and paintings. Plain cards, ornamental cards, transparent cards, humorous and cards from amateur photographers. Cards from four expositions. Cards bearing different postmarks and different stamps.

Among my English collections I have many different portraits of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Sir Walter Scott, Earl Roberts, Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Kitchener, Queen Victoria, Hon. A. J. Balfour, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Sir Alfred Milner, Admiral Seymour.

Gen. Gaselee, Earl of Roseberry, the Duke of Wellington and many portraits of the king and queen.

Also many cards showing the coronation procession. One is of the king and queen in their coronation robes, posted and dated August 9, 1902, the date of the coronation. I prize this very highly.

Among the castles is Osborn house, where Queen Victoria died; Windsor castle, Lambeth palace and the castles of Claypots, Gwrch, Arundel, Wray, Edinburgh, Dundee, Chepstow Sissinghurst and Durham.

My Shakespeare set includes two views of Shakespeare's house on Stratford-on-Avon, Anne Hathaway's cottage and the church where Shakespeare and his wife were buried.

I have Wardsworth's house of "Rydal Mount" and Burns' cottage in Ayr. You can see the sign of a saloon swinging from the door and it recalls us to the negligence of Burns' admirers.

Among the cards showing the lives of the people I have some typical Scottish views that remind me of "Thrums." On this card a merry Scottish piper in Highland dress is blowing his bag-pipe. He is a piper of the "Black Watch." Here are some soldiers ready to embark for South Africa. Here are South African natives grinning wickedly. Here the grass huts of the native Hawaiians carry our thoughts to primitive architecture. On this card old Welsh women in high silk hats are gossiping and spinning on old-fashioned spinning wheels, and here an old Irish granny is also busy at her loom. Here are the painted representatives of our Indian tribes and here the the "Indians" of far-off India.

Philocarty is rapidly gaining favor with everybody and I consider it the hobby of hobbies, for it interests you in art, literature, history, philately, languages, autograph collecting, postmarks, correspondence and character reading.

of the Mound Builder and the Indian.

By Oswald A. Bauer, A. S. of C. C.,
325.

The oft-repeated question as to whether there is any radical difference between the Indian and the mound-builder is indeed an old one. Weighty opinions rest upon each side and it would be, to say the least, premature to lay down any one opinion upon a question which may never be definitely settled. For the purposes of a short comparison of the general remains of the two peoples, however, the terms of mound-builder and Indian may be used. The mound-builders were anterior to the Indians of the historic periods at least and undoubtedly possessed many characteristics, traits and customs foreign to the latter just as the various Indian tribes differed among themselves. They may, therefore, be called by different names, nominally, at least, for the purpose of comparison.

Just as there have been periods in which certain styles of architecture have been developed, so there was a period in which mound-building was a characteristic of the inhabitants of this country. Contrasting the works of these prehistoric inhabitants and those of the historic Indian we see at once a distinct change. The Indian relics are certainly inferior to those of the mound-builders in workmanship and execution. This fact was probably produced by the coming of the white man and his cousins, many of which slowly but surely produced their effect upon the Indian and caused a decided deterioration in his various arts. His skill in every respect showed a marked change and his distinguishing traits gradually but surely faded.

In considering the character of relics found in the respective districts of the mound and the Indian let us first glance at the material of which they

are composed. Perhaps the best object which can be taken for comparison is the pipe, since upon this object the Indian looked with most reverence and devoted to its manufacture his greatest care and skill. It represents his work at its best. In the eastern or so-called Indian district we find a large majority of the pipes to be of a pottery composition, while those found in Ohio and adjoining mound districts are of steatite or soapstone. Upon those pipes which are found in New York we find many portraits of the white man; those found in the mounds lack this more modern characteristic. Now as to animal effigies carved upon the pipes. In the case of the mound-builders it is found that they were very skillful in reproducing animal imitations and usually chose for their subjects the native animals of their locality. Those pipes of the modern Indian found in New York and elsewhere, on the other hand, are but poor imitations of their actual subjects and show little skill. In fact some of them are so poor that it is impossible to discern the subject intended to be represented. As to the shape of the pipe, the more modern or Indian is found in the square-cut variety having sharp angles. The tubular variety may be either ancient or modern. The monitor pipe is still another example. This pipe was made out of a single stone and was used without a stem. The specimens of this in Indian workmanship are in strong contrast to those of the mound-builders, the former being very rude and seeming to have lost that sanctity in the eyes of the Indian of the more modern period, which his predecessors attached to it in a high degree. It is, of course, possible that the Indian pipes found were in an unfinished state, thus accounting for their rough appearance, but the numerous instances would tend to disprove this theory and argue rather that they lacked skill in manufacture.

Another variety of relic which is common throughout the mound district is:

the mace or banner-stone. These implements are perforated, having flanges or wings, and are very widely distributed. Some of them seem to have been executed by the more modern Indians, but in almost all of these cases a lack of skill in finishing is shown when compared to those of the mound-builders. This would seem to lead to the idea that they were executed by the modern tribes in perpetuation of a symbol handed down from their predecessors, the mound-builders, and in so doing had failed to preserve the original skill exhibited in the work of the latter.

The same superiority of the mound relics are to be noticed in the other implements found, such as copper knives, axes and spears. The badges and ornaments are certainly superior to those of the modern Indian. They form, in fact, a class by themselves, indicative of a degree of art and skill lost in the historic Indian. The modern Indian relics are generally found in graves or on the surface, betokening a wandering disposition. The mound-builders, on the other hand, seem to have been more settled and clung to one locality.

As to the civilization of the latter little is necessarily known. Whether they were of a higher type than the modern Indian, as it would seem from their superiority in many things, it is hard to say. Where they came from and whether they had ever felt the influence of a more civilized race, borrowing their ideas, is a question. The fact that eastern symbols have been found amongst their burial places and that forts are associated with the latter would seem to offer some ground for dispute at least. But whatever may be the fact regarding this question, there is another which remains and which seems to be firmly established, namely, that the period of the mound-builders was distinguished for its native art and that of the Indian for a decided decline in this respect.

Some Fossils of Iowa.

By F. A. Brown.

East Peru, Iowa.

I have in mind a paper more in the way of a check list than a description. Anyone acquainted with geological specimens knows that the fossil corals are a thing of beauty and a joy forever, especially when polished. It is in the Devonian and Silurian ages that the finest of corals are found; and eastern Iowa has fine exposures of both these periods.

The Silurian is the principle system exposed in a number of counties along the Mississippi river as follows: Scott, Cedar, Clinton, Jones, Jackson, Dubuque, Delaware, Clayton, Fayette, Allamakee and Winneshiek.

The Devonian is principally found in Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Cerro-Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Butler, Bremer, Black Hawk, Benton, Linn, Johnson and Muscatine; so that we have quite a territory from which to gather these interesting specimens.

I will name a few of the most important from each formation:

SILURIAN—DELAWARE CO.

- 1—Alveolites-undosus,
- 2—Cladopora-laqueata,
- 3—Cyathophyllum-radiculum,
- 4—Cystophorolites-major,
- 5— “ “ minor,
- 6—Cystiphyllum-Niagarensis,
- 7—Favosites-favosus,
- 8— “ Niagarensis,
- 9— “ alveolaris,
- 10— “ (Astrocerium) hispidus,
- 11— “ “ hisingeri,
- 12— “ obliquus,
- 13—Halysites-catenulatus,
- 14—Heliolites-megastoma,
- 15— “ interstinctus,
- 16— “ pyriformis,
- 17— “ subtulatus,
- 18—Lyellia-Americana,

- 19- " decipiens,
- 20-Plasmopora-follis,
- 21-Ptychophyllum-expansum,
- 22-Thecia-maijor,
- 23-Streptelasma-patula,
- 24- " spongaxis,
- 25-Strombodes-mamillare,
- 26- " gigas,
- 27- " pentagonus,
- 28-Syringopora-tenella,
- 29- " verticenata,
- 30-Zaphrentis-stokesi.

These are only the most important corals of the Silurian in eastern Iowa.

DEVONIAN—CERRO GORDO CO.

- 1-Aceruularia-inequalis,
- 2- " davidsonia,
- 3- " profunda,
- 4-Alveolites-Rockfordensis,
- 5-Aulocophyllum-princeps,
- 6-Cladopora-iowensis,
- 7-Cyathophyllum-robustum,
- 8- " solidum,
- 9-Cystiphyllum-conifolle,
- 10- " mundullum,
- 11-Campophyllum-nanum,
- 12-Favosites-alpenensis,
- 13-Ptychophyllum-ellipticum,
- 14- " versiforme,
- 15-Pachyphyllum-woolmani,
- 16- " soltarium,
- 17-Phillipsastrea-billingsi.

The forty-seven corals which I have named as belonging to the Devonian and the Silurian are but a part of those occurring in these formations.

The specimens vary from a mere pebble as large as the end of one's little finger to others as large as five feet across—certainly variations enough to suit any taste.

Most all of these corals are silicified, and therefore take a high polish and show the structure beautifully. The ACERVULARIA DAVIDSONIA, also the STROMBODES PENTAGONUS when polished make beautiful paper weights.

The Strombodes pentagonus is found plentifully at Iowa City on Iowa river,

also at Petosky, Mich., from which it is sometimes called Petosky stone.

The favosites are equally beautiful, and get their name because they resemble honey-comb.

The famous "Birds Eye Marble" of Iowa, is but a specie of petrified coral.

I would say to all if you have a friend or any one to whom you can write in counties I have mentioned ask them to send you specimens of these beauties of Iowa. One of our vice-presidents, Mrs. F. May Little, lives in the Devonian horizon, and within less than a day's drive of that collecting ground famous among geologists and known as "The Hackberry Grove Clay Bank", According to reports it is certainly a treasure trove for the geological collector. Of the A. S. S. C. the following collectors live in one or the other of these horizons: No's. 98, 116, 468, 461, 94, 194, 376, 131, 98, 102, 139, 142, 393, 472. So you see you have ample opportunity to secure these beauties.

I will be glad to have further information on this subject, or give answer to inquiries providing a stamp is enclosed for reply.

The craze for antiques and curios is responsible for some ingenious swindles, but it is doubtful if many could surpass that which victimized an American woman traveling abroad, who, while in Holland, purchased some alleged Dutch pottery which proved on close examination to be common granite ware, made in America in odd shapes, and decorated in Dutch fashion to be sold in Holland as antique cooking utensils. The fact is well known that there is a considerable industry in the manufacture of so-called Egyptian scarabs in America, which are sent to Egypt to be sold to unsuspecting tourists as genuine antiques.

Some Nautical Curios.

By Virginia Baker

SCATTERED all along the New England sea coast are quiet old towns, whose names three quarters of a century ago, were well known in the leading ports of Europe and Asia, South America and the West Indies. Through the merchantmen and whalers, the coasters and West Indiamen, long since vanished from their docks, and though in many instances the cotton mill has replaced the ship yard and warehouse, these towns still present what may be termed "nautical characteristics" so marked as to instantly impress the stranger who may chance to enter their gates. For be it observed that an old New England seaport differs as vividly from an old New England farming district as an Indian water jar differs from a Venetian glass vase.

In all these old towns you are certain to find old wharves, old sail lofts, old shops which once displayed the legend "Ship Stores" over their doors, and old houses built by old families who can boast of innumerable old sea captains among their dead and gone ancestors. One who visits these old family mansions is instantly reminded of the fact that he is among a people whose forbears were wont "to go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters."

The "garret" of many a house reveals treasures that would incite envy in the breast of a curio collector. Here are great cedar chests in which repose delicately embroidered muslins from India, shows with gay oriental borders from Persia, and gowns of rich brocade from the Celestial Empire. Under the eaves you may see the wooden shoes of Pacific Islanders, beautifully decorated. New Zealand

war clubs, curved paddles of cocoanut wood, and a host of other odd relics gathered from every quarter of the globe.

Nor are these treasures confined to attics and garrets alone. Nearly every room in the house contains something "brought faom the sea" in the half forgotten past. There are round tablets of polished Spanish mahogany, quaint mirrors in gilded frames, trays and boxes, and cabinets of Japanese lacquer work, or, perchance, a curved chair of rosewood, taken from the cabin of some English or French privateer which once fell a prey to Yankee courage and audacity. A peep at the roomy "top shelf" of a china closet is often rewarded by a glimpse of pitchers and punch bowls, and tiny Chinese cups and saucers, and dishes from Japan made in the form of birds or fishes, every one of is nearly or quite a century old.

A peculiar charm invests the old fashioned secretary or cabinet in which are stored genuine "sea finds," shells, sponges, corals, whales' teeth, and the like. You may learn much of the old time Jack Tar's life at sea by studying some of these thoughtfully. What did not Jack accomplish? He touched the tips of a branch of white coral with carmine and yellow ochre and transformed it into a tree of fairy land. He carved marvelous birds and beasts on the pearly wanhets shell, and inscribed the Lord's Prayer on tiny shells, in lettering which viewed through a microscope, awaken commingled wonder and admiration. And with his pen knife dipped in lamp black he wrote on the polished surface of whales' teeth pictures exquisite as steel engravings. Who that has once viewed the lady in bodised gown and "leghorn flat" tied beneath her chin, or the scene in the Garden of Eden

with its wonderful apple tree having a still more wonderful serpent apple in mouth coiled about its stiff trunk will deny that the old-time "tars of Columbia" possessed the true artistic spirit?

Some of the New England coast towns boast "antiquarian rooms" where are collected and preserved the precious relics of bygone days of maritime greatness. In such museums many a bit of so called "trash" which otherwise would be discarded as worthless, finds a resting place and gladdens the eyes of the summer tourist who chances to be a "relic fiend." Antiquarian rooms, certainly ought to be opened more generally than they are, for they serve as important factions in the education of the youth of a community, by illustrating local history of the past as nothing else is capable of doing.

OLD CHINA.

By Dr. C. F. Noe.

The study and collection of old china has increased wonderfully in popularity within the last few years, and very deservedly so. It is a large field for the collector, limited practically only by the capacity of his purse. If he extends his collections so as to include the products of the ancient ceramic arts, such as are now exhumed on the sites of ancient cities in the old world, it becomes a very expensive pastime.

But it is not necessary to make the scope of one's collection so large, as much pleasure and instruction can be derived from our modern ceramics.

Many collectors specialize in the china of certain times, districts or countries; others collect only the so-called historical china, bearing views having

historical significance or made in celebration of some great event.

Perhaps the most popular amongst American collectors is the so-called Staffordshire ware, made in the district of that name in England. Here America obtained almost her entire supply of china for many years, as very little tableware was made in this country until very recently. These celebrated potteries have existed for several centuries and it was here that Wedgwood first produced the ware which still bears his name. Besides Wedgwood we have Ridgway, Wood, Adams, Clews, Mayer and others as the most prominent manufacturers of the ware now so much sought.

For a long time during the eighteenth and the early part of the nineteenth century the principal color used on china was dark blue, and such a beautiful dark blue it was that we have not its equal at the present day. For the American trade special subjects, of interest to the American public, were used in the decorations. We find plates with views of New York, Boston, Baltimore, arms of various states and of events of the revolutionary war.

Some of these are very rare and as much as \$50 is sometimes paid for a single plate. Platters, teapots, etc., were probably made in all these various patterns and are still rarer than plates. Following the period of dark blue ware we have a change to various other colors. The potters quit making the dark blue entirely and decorated their products in light blue, lilac, mulberry, green, etc., obtaining very pleasing and dainty effects. They still used many historical views, besides others.

Specimens of this ware in the various colors, although not quite as rare as the dark blue, make a very pretty collection and are much desired for decorating purposes.

All this highly-decorated china went out of style about the middle of the last century and only of late years, when the demand for antiques began to develop, have the potters tried to make imitations of their old products, with more or less success. Of course, a collector has to be careful not to buy one of these recent imitations for antique. One of our best guides in determining the character of a given piece of china is the mark which was placed on it by the maker. Another distinguishing point for most old plates are small pin-point depressions placed in three groups of three on the bottom of the plate. These are the result of the old method of manufacture and not found on the modern makes. For a detailed list of the various marks it is best to consult one of the many books on the subject.

Here and There in the Philatelic and Curio World

By VERA W. HANWAY

JACQUES Lebandy, the self styled Emperor of Sahara is now turning his attention to philatelic matters. Perhaps we may even see an issue of Saharan stamps at some future date. This would prove very interesting. Wonder what their appearance will be.

Stamp collectors and money hobbyists are making a great scramble at present to secure certain stamps of St. Kitts and others of the Danish West Indies, which certainly have a place in the stamp his-

tory of the United States. When the United States decided to purchase these islands from Denmark, the Danish Government felt so sure that the deal would be clinched that it neglected to issue a fresh lot of stamps for the little islands, thinking that in another six months, they would belong to Uncle Sam. The Dutch Parliament voted against any such action however and so the treaty was killed. In the meantime, while the diplomats were at work the supply of stamps in the Danish West Indies ran short.

First the one pfennig stamps disappeared, then the two pfennig kind vanished and nothing was left but the fours, fives and sixes. When this happened the people took to buying four pfennig stamps and cutting them in twain diagonally, using the parts in lieu of two cent stamps.

The unique stamps are scarce as only a limited number were so divided. The Danish Government sent out a new issue just about the time the natives of their West Indian colonies were beginning to cut into the sixes and divide them into three parts.

In a hollow where a cellar might have been, just a few feet from the ruins of a fire place and surrounded by gnarled apple trees, there stands a monument of freshly carved stone and on the face is this inscription.

On this spot stood the cottage
where was born
Chester A. Arthur,
The twenty-first President of the
United States.
Erected by the
State of Vermont.

One must travel to the north west corner of Vermont to read this inscription.

The nearest railroad station is that of Fairfield and then one must drive many a mile over the country roads to the place where the house stood. The place

is so remote that when the monument was unveiled on the thirteenth of October only a few made the journey. It was a noted gathering however despite its few members, among those there were Governor McCullough of Vermont, Senator William E. Chandler, who was Secretary of the Navy when Arthur was President; Robert T. Lincoln Secretary of War at the same time; ex-Congressman H. Henry Powers; Senator Redfield Proctor; Congressman D. J. Foster and Kittridge Haskins.

Miss. A. M. Vail, librarian at the New York Botanical Museum in the Bronx Park, has recently returned from a trip in Europe. She went to buy books for the library at an auction of botanical works in Paris.

She bought between six and seven hundred works costing \$300000 in all and forming the most important addition thus far made to the library. The gift for the purchase came from Mr. Carnegie.

Some of these books are old and valuable, not only for their contents but as specimens of book making. The most valuable among them is "Flora Græca" published in 1806. It is a rare and costly work, the only one ever published on

the flora of Greece, with beautiful plates and comprising only thirty copies to the edition. The collection contains many local herbals of Europe, one published in 1509. After the auction Miss Vail visited public and botanical collections in Paris, Antwerp, Amsterdam and Lyden.

Uncle Sam's cage for live birds at the St. Louis Exposition will be 200 feet long 90 feet wide and 52 feet high. The collection of 2000 birds from all parts of the world will be the most complete ever attempted.

A steel like grass from the volcanic

slopes of Oran, Algeria, is so elastic that it can be used instead of springs in the manufacture of furniture.

A natural soap mine has been discovered near Ashcroft, British Columbia. The composition of the soap seems to be about one-fifth borax. A company has been formed to work it.

Much is being written now days about the stamp collectors emblem or button. This should be an object of interest for every collector. It doubtless would prove of great use and if so why should we not have it? If collectors demand it and some one heads the matter probably we shall soon have it.

A German priest named Vincent Scheil making excavations in an ancient Babylonian city has unearthed a school just as it was 4000 years ago in the time of King Hammurabi.

It has many inscribed brick. One brick says: "He who learns to write well in school will shine as the sun."

There were seven small rooms in the school each with its various kinds of brick. In one room were found bricks with grammatical exercises. The scholars evidently sat on the ground in rows with soft clay bricks in their hands painfully forming the hard cuneiform letters. Father Scheil says the thumb marks of the teacher are to be detected where he smudged over the scholars' mistake.

The is an evidence that girls got pretty much the same education as boys.

Copper cents, of any date, when in very fine condition, command a premium 1793, a few types of the 1794, 1799, 1804 and 1809 are the only dates in any condition but "fine" that command a premium worth the postage to find out.—Mekeel's Stamp Collector.

No. 1.—Chipped Implements.

By Oswald A. Bauer, A. S. of C. C.,
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The aboriginal occupation of New York state has been like that of many other localities of a miscellaneous or varied nature. Most of the remains and traces left to us to-day in the shape of relics are to be found near streams or lakes, large or small as the case may be. Water was a necessary attribute of the Indian camp and the canoe being the chief means of travel necessitated the nearness of a sufficient means for its use. Shell heaps and burnt earth indicate these ancient camps and among or near them are to be found the majority of the relics. Not always the best ones are found in this way, however. Some very choice examples are found along the old trails or Indian highways where, hidden by a dry twig or similar shield, they have had little chance of discovery.

In considering the implements found we find that many of them resemble the paleolithic forms. Caches are frequent and especially those containing flint chipped into rude triangular shapes. These are supposed to have been the storehouses from which other implements were made as occasion demanded. Flint chips are abundant in localities and indicate the workshop of the arrow maker, if not his permanent residence. The simplest form of chipped implement, perhaps, was the knife, since it might easily be turned into a spear to suit the convenience of the owner. They probably were often used also as scrapers when they

had a bent or curved surface.

Arrows, of course, are the commonest implements found. As a general rule all of the leading types are represented in the various parts of the state. The triangular form seems to be the rarest, especially those having a straight base. Those with a concave base are more widely distributed and appear to have been a favorite form, especially with the Iroquois. The pentagonal variety without notches is fairly well distributed. The commonest variety, or the notched, occur in many forms, more particularly those having widely expanded bases. Spears vary greatly in size and character. The leaf-shaped varieties are often large and some are over nine inches long. Their composition is often a very showy material, while the workmanship varies from fine to coarse. Stemmed forms often occur and with or without notches. Some varieties are frequent having two notches and arrows are also said to have been found possessing this characteristic, but it is to be doubted if these were not embryo spears.

Knives are to be found in many forms, from the mere piece of flaked hornstone with a sharp edge, used for temporary purposes, to the more complex varieties. Many were nearly circular in shape and chipped to a sharp edge all the way around. The variety possessing a diamond form are by no means rare and fine specimens are often secured. Others combine a drill-shape and scraper base with the knife, but are usually small. There are many combinations of scrapers with knives and perhaps few implements vary more. An implement which

seems to be particularly rare is the serrated arrow and the few which have been found, instead of being native, seem to point to a distant origin from the composition of their material. Mohawk valley. They are nodules of flint, rude in appearance and showing This variety is more common in the west and south.

Flint hammers are frequent in the evidences of hammering or chipping. They differ widely from hammer stones and the latter probably restricted their use, being more finished. The balls of stone used in war clubs do not come under this class. Besides this there are several other varieties of chipped implements which are either of uncertain use or cannot be placed among any other of the larger classes. Many of these probably were broken or unfinished articles abandoned by their makers for some defect or other reason.

At last in conclusion of the chipped implements we might mention the so-called net sinkers. These consist of a small flat stone which was either chipped around the edge or left in the original state and a notch made in each side to prevent its slipping when tied. Some of these sinkers are very large, measuring eight inches across. Another variety called anchors are much larger and have a groove running around them. These have been found weighing as much as three pounds and more. Sinkers are most commonly found near the lakes, especially Seneca and Cayuga, where they occur in quantities. The sinker should not be confused with the so-called quoit, which was neatly chipped all the way around and had no notches. The notches seem to be the distinguish-

ing feature of the sinkers. The quoits are usually found on camp sites. Either of the two vary in size, however, from very large to very small.

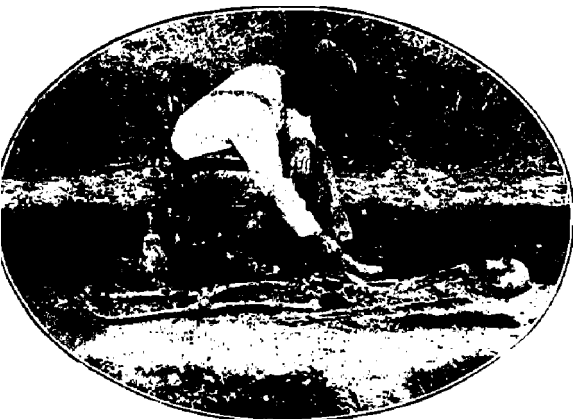
This completes a short summary of the chipped implements of New York. They preceded and survived the polished stone articles. Many other localities yet unexplored may present varieties not noted and it is certain that there are numerous instances of such remains which should be more thoroughly investigated with this end in view. On the whole the chipped implements are given a very good representation in this state and not unfrequently varieties are found which seem to be entirely isolated.

Souvenir Dollars in Demand.

The souvenir coin department of the World's Fair is unusually active at present because of the large demand for the Louisiana Gold Dollar, particularly from jewelers, who agree that the souvenir coin is a gem of numismatic excellence and particularly adapted to various mountings in forms for personal adornment. January 16 was the red letter day in the history of the coin. One hundred and seventy-five orders, with cash enclosures for almost \$10,000, called for over three thousand or the little souvenirs. The calls ranged from a single coin to one hundred and seventy coins, the banner order coming from the First National Bank of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Idaho Opals at World's Fair.

One county in Idaho will exhibit in the Mines and Metallurgy Palace at the World's Fair 200,000 opals. These will be shown in all stages—just as they come from the ground in Idaho and later in every stage of cutting and polishing. The newly developed opal mines in Idaho are said to be the richest yet discovered in the world.



PREHISTORIC MAN

By Arthur B. Coover.

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As field assistant with the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society's survey, my duties have been such that I was required to carefully uncover and photograph all the skeletons found, and in the past five years I have uncovered and photographed some two hundred and fifty skeletons of prehistoric man. While engaged in my work the following lines have often recurred to me:

"Behold this ruin, 'twas a skull,
Once of ethereal spirit full;
This narrow cell was life's retreat,
This space was thought's mysterious seat.

What beautiful visions filled this spot,

What dreams of pleasure long forgot:
'Nor hope, 'nor love, 'nor joy 'nor fear,

Has left one trace of record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy,
Once shone the bright and busy eye;
But start not at this busy void,
If social love these eyes employed.
If with no lawless fire they gleamed,
But through the dews of pity beamed;
These eyes shall be forever bright,
When Sun and Stars are sunk in night.

Within this narrow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue;
If falsehood's honey it disdained,
And when it could not praise, was chained.

If cold in virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke;

This silent tongue shall plead for thee,

When time unveils Eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the mines,

Or with their environed rubies shine;
To heave the rock or wear the gem.

Can little now avail to them.

But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,

These hands a richer need shall claim
Than all that waits on wealth or fame.

Matters it whether bare or shod,
These feet the paths of duty trod;

If from the bowers of ease they fled;
To seek affliction's humble shed.

If grandeur's guilty pride they spurned,

And home to virtue's lot returned;
These feet with angels wings shall rise,

And tread the palace of the skies."

The photograph which is reproduced to illustrate these lines is one taken last summer while exploring a mound and shows how carefully the skeletons are uncovered. Not a bone or specimen is moved until after the photograph is taken and by this means an undisputable record is kept of the position of every skeleton found.

Various ornaments made of red Pipe stone (Catlinite) have been found in the ancient ruins in the Salt River Valley, Arizona. Some years ago Dr. Burt Ogburn of Phoenix, Arizona, found in one of the ruins north and west of Phoenix, a tube pipe about three and one half inches in length and one inch in diameter that was made of Catlinite. Some time ago there was found in one of the numerous Cliff Dweller's ruins in the northern part of the Territory a large shell inlaid with thin sections of Catlinite and Turquoise. So far as known there has never been a deposit of the Cataline discovered in Arizona and the source of supply was probably from the deposit of the stone in Minnesota. Turquoise is frequently found in Arizona and in a number of places the deposits of Turquoise have been worked by a prehistoric race, Near Kelvin, on the top of a mountain there are a number of pits that were excavated in the Turquoise bearing rock by a prehistoric race, and hammer stones are often found in the debris moved from the pits. Fragments of ancient pottery are frequently found in the vicinity of the ancient workings.

Where Indian Relics are Plentiful. *A A A A*

BY F. E. Halbert.

It is said that southern Georgia is the best place in the United States in which to search for Indian relics as they are found more abundant there. In the vicinity of Plymouth, Mass., the writer found the greatest evidence of the vanquished red-man: but then the writer has never been in southern Georgia.

In many places around Cape Cod Bay there are layers of clam and mussel shells a foot deep just beneath the surface of the soil covering quite large areas. There is scarcely a square rod of dug ground within a mile of the coast that does not show a good many scattered shells. Among these shells relics are found, including a good many ceremonial objects. One of our party one day picked up an enormous spear which evidently had been used for making holes in the ice on some of the numerous ponds, through which to fish. The butt of this spear was full three inches across and over an inch thick.

I have seen relics found here that are extremely rare. In fact I do not believe any collection in other sections can show duplicates; and some of the specimens have not been duplicated even here up to the present time. What great war councils and clam feasts have been held here! What war whoops have echoed through the forests long before Columbus was born! Evidently many a battle was fought here with arrow and tomahawk in the days long gone by.

Near Godard, in the extreme southern part of Yavapai County, Arizona, a peculiar mineral paste is found. Barrel after barrel of the mineral

paste can be removed in succession from the so called Soap Spring, and the quantity of paste in sight in the Spring is not diminished in the least. The mineral paste has medicinal qualities and a company has been formed in Arizona for the purpose of introducing the product to the public. Recently arrangements have been made with one of the druggists in Phoenix to handle the paste in that section of the county. The paste is apparently a variety of Saponite, a hydrous silicate containing Silica, Alumina, Magnesia, Iron Oxide, water and other chemical combinations.

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. E. Doebelin, President pro tem; six members and two visitors being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Chair appointed Messrs. A. G. Burgoyne, Max Arnheim, and Adam E. Daum to act as judges for the exhibit of collections for any one county at the next meeting.

Sixteen lots were sold at the informal auction sale.

The financial report showed a balance of \$107.32.

After the transaction of some routine business the meeting adjourned.

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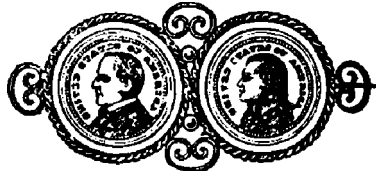
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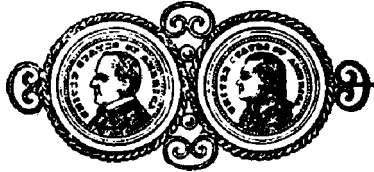
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There was no meeting held Feb. 1st.

A resignation was received and will be brought before the next regular meeting. 19 members have paid their dues for 1904. If you are among those who have not paid do so at once. There was an error in last month's report made by the publisher, the words "Of New York City" should not appear after the name of the society. Any members wishing any application blanks should write the secretary.

Mr. Schoof, the Exchange Supt. has some books on hand and would be glad to send them to any members who have signed the rules. Apply to the secretary for copy of the rules if you have not already received one.

Resignation of T. G. Gill, Lucknow, India accepted with regret.

Communications from E. W. Heusinger, L. Brodstone and F. J. Schoof read.

At Mr. Petersen's request the president appointed the following committee to award the prize of 1000 fiscals for the best notes on fiscals: A. E. Lawrence, Chm., Raymond Wilcox and Dr. L. M. Homburger.

The stamps were won by Rev. R. R. Thiele's article "Casual Notes on Divers Fiscal Stamps". Mr. Young's article received second consideration. Both will be published in the Official Journal.

See next month's Official Journal Report for a full report of the Exchange Department, Auction Department, Secretary's report and list of paid up members and Financial Statement.

RAYMOND WILCOX,
Secretary.

The Existence of Man Upon the Earth Before the Glacial Period

By H Schumacher, M D, Walcott, Iowa

The existence of man prior to the glacial period has long been disputed, yet we find, here and there, evidences of man's task that are equal to the American Indian. The proof of this is undeniable in the examinations of the rocks found among the debris of the glacial period, which indicate the mechanical skill of man. In Europe the bones of man have been found with the remains of the great Irish elk, cave bear, wild bear, etc., etc., even rude sketches of the Mammoth have been found engraved or carved upon the Mammoth's tusk and part of the horns of the Irish elk. This continent has been in its present condition for a period of 50,000 years or more.

The Niagara Falls have receded more than 246 miles in the Trenton rock formation, which alone would indicate a

period of over 100,000 years. All these dates point to an inhabitable condition prior to the glacial period.

The present condition must have existed at least 50,000 years. Then if the glacial period, to which geologists claim man did not belong, lasted for a similar time, and this rock, (which I shall later describe), having indications of being from the glacial drift, it would prove that man must have existed far more than a hundred thousand years.

In September 1903 I paid a visit to the old homestead of Mr. Eggert Puck, (now deceased). 4 miles east of Walcott, Iowa and strolling along the foot of a clay hill one hundred yards from a small creek, due north of the house, I picked up a piece of green stone, weighing not quite 15 ounces and was about to throw it away when I noticed an unmistakable groove worked upon it, also a couple of recent scratches made by harrow teeth, as this field had been under cultivation for the past forty years.

The rock is four inches wide, two and one half inches thick, and the bit end is diagonally worn away, from the front end of the groove of the left side to the back end of the groove of the right side. The hammer end is well preserved but has also glacial scratches on several places.

In first looking at this specimen it looks as an ordinary piece of rock but it is the same kind of stone of which the American Indian made his tomahawk, or axe, being easier to work than granite and still tough, or tenacious.

But now comes the best of the find: The front part of the axe has been caught in a glacial drift, and is plowed or ground away by a force that could only indicate a glacial pressure, since no man could imitate this scarification. There were a number of glacial indications in the shape of granite boulders, foreign to this locality, that were evidently left in the moraines or glacial

debris. The groove on this stone was undoubtedly made by man. The front or bit was ground away by glacial force. No Indian would have chipped or worked at a stone just to try his primitive tools, and even had he done so it can plainly be seen that it was prior to the glacial erosion, proving conclusively its pre-glacial origin and therefore the pre-existence of man to the glacial period beyond any doubt.

I am willing to send this specimen to any archaeological authority for examination. It is an interesting find, genuine and in my opinion quite valuable.

Anyone interested in same may propound any question which I shall cheerfully answer.



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First annual meeting of the society is suggested as the third week August 1904 at St. Louis, Mo. Any one objecting to this date will please notify the secretary. Several other stamp societies will also meet at St. Louis the same week.

H. CHANDLER, Pres.

REPORT OF SUPT. SALES DEPT.

33 books in circ Feb. 1, 1904	\$182.49
10 " returned in Feb. value	79.77
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23 books in circ Feb. 15, 1904	\$102.72

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Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLVIE, San Francisco

Making Use of Clouds

By Walter Cook
Sacramento Cal.

Since white skies went out of fashion or rather since the photographers of the land came to realize that white paper did not give a true representation of the sky above our landscapes, cloud negatives have become almost a necessity. Fortunately they can be secured at almost any time of the year and the photographer who wishes to make his work as near perfect as possible is always on the lookout for a good "sky." While I do not wish to be as exacting as a writer whose article on the subject in one of the English magazines met my eyes a short time ago, I wish to make a plea for a little more care than is generally displayed in the combining of a sky negative with a landscape one. This English writer insists that a cloud effect secured at one time of the year will give a false rendition of nature if used with a landscape negative made at a different season. This I do not think is strictly true.

The one great fault from a technical point of view is the combining of a cloud effect from a negative of different quality than that from which the landscape is printed. Nothing is more displeasing to an eye blessed with good taste than a print in which the clouds are printed from a soft, thin

negative while the landscape below is from one that is hard and brilliant. Avoiding this fault which applies in all cases we may next turn to particular forms of clouds.

Striking as they no doubt are, the wind-tossed rain clouds that we are so fond of photographing, should be used very sparingly. They fit only a certain kind of landscape and then must be used when the landscape bears out the idea of a rain-swept or troubled phase of nature. The large masses of cumulus clouds do not belong with a landscape enveloped in a haze or mist; and the light cirrus clouds that we catch by pointing the camera well upwards, do not find a resting place on the low horizon as we sometimes see them printed into a picture. Long narrow bands of light in a dull sky do not fit well with a landscape in which every object proves that a bright sun was shining.

Guarding against these obviously false effects, there is little fear of going far wrong by ignoring the time of year during which the negatives were made. It is no doubt true that a certain kind of clouds may predominate at certain seasons of the year but I have cloud negatives made in mid-summer as well as in the winter months and I doubt if anyone could distinguish which was which. I have studied the prints from them very closely, and were it not for the bit of

landscape below, I would be entirely at a loss to say which were which.

Another fault that I wish to caution you against is allowing the sky to dominate the picture. A sky in a picture should bear the same secondary position as regards the whole as it does in nature. We rarely notice the sky when looking at a certain pleasing bit of landscape and yet it is quite easy to make the sky in a photograph so strong and assertive that it is the first thing that the eye sees in looking at the picture.

In closing I wish to mention a little hint that I got from Mr. Clute's department in a recent issue of *CAMERA CRAFT*. He says that the trimming has much to do with the effect, that is, whether a sunset or sunrise is portrayed. Trimmed with a low horizon and the upper part of the sky effect printed a little lighter, the effect is that of sunrise. The opposite treatment suggests to the mind the downward travel at the sun. I believe that this hint will prove of assistance in the production of sunrise and sunset effects.

An Undertimed Plate.

We all make negatives that are undertimed. We all know what kind of prints they produce, and yet there is a difference. A plate that piles on density in the high lights at the expense of detail in the shadows is hard to handle in the developer because it is not once out of ten times that the amateur knows his exposure has been insufficient until development has proceeded some little way and the opportunity to adjust matters is past. With absolutely correct exposure, suitable developer and only a normal negative in view, one make of plates is perhaps as good as another; but with occasional variations in exposure as certain as they are, one wants a plate like the Cramer brand, in which density more nearly gives detail the same opportunity in case of under exposure that it does in a correctly timed plate—F. J. C.



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Flashlight Portraiture.

As the season for flashlight photography approaches many attempts will be made to photograph interiors, single portraits and groups of several figures by its means, and very successful results may be obtained if the beginner will go about it in the proper way and will first learn something of the powers and limitations of the flash-light powder he is using and become familiar with the lighting produced by a certain amount of powder at a given distance and direction from his sitter.

After having selected the kind of flash powder he prefers to use, let him make two or three experimental lightings and exposures upon a light colored bust, or failing that, a water pitcher or light colored vase, placing the selected object in the same general position that would be occupied by his sitter if he were making a portrait. Two or three plates exposed and developed under these conditions will aid him materially in his preparations for work of a similar kind with living figures.

A very important thing to consider is the light and shade in your picture. This should be arranged so as not to allow it to be full of patchy spots. A picture full of spots is uninteresting, therefore concentrate your light and shade, and you will see that your picture is interesting and full of breath and character.

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A Safeguard.

It is a good plan when one has a valuable negative, or one that it is extremely difficult to duplicate, to make from it, before putting it into general use or packing it away, a contact transparency. From such a transparency new negatives may be made at any time if the original becomes broken or damaged, and the possession of such a duplicate will often be found of great advantage. The making of such a transparency is extremely simple and may be done in the following manner: First select a printing frame of the same size of the negative to be reproduced, and into this frame place the negative with its film side up, exactly as if a silver print were to be made. Instead, however, of using silver paper for the transparency place upon the negative, film side down, a dry plate

of slow speed, covering it with a printing pad, replace the back of the frame and clamp it in position as if for ordinary printing. This, of course, must be done in the dark room by aid of the ruby light. The frame containing negative and plate may then be covered with the focusing cloth folded in several thicknesses and taken from the dark room into an adjoining room, the focusing cloth quickly removed and the plate exposed to the action of an ordinary gas burner for a period of from thirty seconds to two minutes, holding the frame at a distance of ten feet from the burner. After exposure, quickly re-cover the frame, remove the plate and develop in just the same way as a negative, carefully washing and fixing after development.

The length of exposure will depend wholly upon the destiny of the negative, the strength of the light and the distance of the frame from the burner during printing, all of which must first be ascertained by trial plate or plates. The farther away from the burner the printing frame is held during exposure, the softer will be the positive, while the nearer it is to the frame the harder will be the contrasts.

The making of transparencies is extremely interesting, and provides a capital opportunity for a long evening's work with a collection of one's best negatives.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace, San
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W. H. B.: THIN NEGATIVES AND SELF-DEVELOPING PLATINUM PAPER: This correspondent wishes to know how he can get the best results on this class of papers from thin negatives. Printing them in the shade will improve them, printing them under a sheet of blue glass will also add to their appearance. Printing should not be carried so far with this kind of negative; as soon as the image is slightly visible it is considered enough. Stronger negatives may be printed until the shadows appear quite plainly.

J. B. W.: LENS FOR PORTRAITURE: This correspondent wishes to take up portraiture, and inquires as to the lens most suitable for this class of work. This is rather a large order to fill, without knowing what kind of portraiture is to be attempted. If a slightly prolonged exposure is no great objection, the lens already in the camera which my correspondent has, a long focus 4x5. will do as well as any. The so-called portrait lenses are only preferable for portraiture on account of their speed. The longer the focus you can use the more pleasant will be your results. If you desire to have as sharp a focus as possible on every part of the subject, a long focus lens will require a great deal of stopping down.

If I were going to take up portrait photography simply for my own pleasure, I would get one of the second-hand portrait lenses that all the dealers carry at such low prices, get it on trial, and either get one of long focus or find one that would allow of using one of the combinations singly. These lenses work at about f-6, and the back combination should require about double the exposure.

H. DeM.: THE PERSULPHATE PRODUCER: Ammonium persulphate has the very useful property of attacking the density of the negative before affecting the half-tones or shadow detail. A solution of 25 grains to the ounce is about right strength, and negative should be placed in it without previous soaking. Action will be slow to start and tray should be rocked constantly to insure even results. I prefer a clear glass tray, and work with a lamp set low so that the process of reduction may be watched through the tray by slightly lifting it in front of the lamp. The negative will require close watching after the persulphate begins work, and the action should be stopped just before the exact reduction desired is reached. This is accomplished by placing the plate (without rinsing) in a 10 per cent. solution of sodium sulphite for ten minutes, after which it should be washed. I will add that after trying three different brands of persulphate without finding one that had the least action on the plate, I got some of Merck's and found it acted satisfactorily.

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The beautiful gloss obtained by squeegeeing P. O. P. prints into contact with glass, is very much admired by many workers of the brilliance which it gives to the shadows of a print; and because it serves admirably to bring out the minute detail of small photographs, which must necessarily be seen close to the eye.

But the operation of enamelling is not always successful, for prints have a most provoking habit of sticking to the glass occasionally without any apparent reason.

There is nothing more annoying to an amateur than to find the prints, which looked so bright and beautiful while wet, obstinately sticking to the glass, and refusing to come away, except in pieces; and we are constantly questioned as to the best means of preventing the ruin of so many pictures, and so much good temper.

If the glass is perfectly clean, and prepared by rubbing or polishing with French chalk (powdered talc, or boot powder), the prints, if squeegeed down while wet, would peel off easily when dry.

But gelatine is the very uncertain substance to deal with, as dry-plate makers know to their cost: it is very liable to sudden changes of structure, induced by various microbes, and under certain conditions it becomes very adhesive.

This condition is usually obviated by the use of hardeners—such as alum or formalin—introduced into the washing water; after which the danger of sticking is considerably reduced; but if the prints are allowed to dry first, and are then soaked in water and enamelled, there will be only a very remote chance of their sticking to the plate.

If a soft print should refuse to leave the glass when dry the difficulty may be surmounted by soaking the print—glass

and all—in water which contains a small percentage of formalin; if this is left alone until dry, the print will probably come easily away; or the back of the prints may be sponged with a five per cent solution of formalin. This will enable the print to be removed, or when dry again it will free itself from the glass.

A correspondent in "Photography" recommends polishing the glass plate with a soft duster, dampened with just the faintest trace of kerosene, as a certain method of prevention; or ferrotype plates may be used as a substitute for glass.—New Zealand Photographer,

Pyro-Soda Developer.

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Glacial acetic acid...	45minims
Water	20ozs

B

Carbonate of soda...	8ozs
Water	40ozs

For use mix one part of A and one part of B with two parts of water. It should be mentioned that in making up the A solution the soda sulphite should be dissolved in 18ozs. of warm water; when this is in solution add the pyro, dissolved in 2ozs of water.



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A COURSE OF STUDY.

No better object lesson for the young photographer can be found than careful study of the same subject under varying conditions of light and shade. The average beginner starts out with the idea that a view is a view, and that's all there is to it. Let him, if he has the desire to learn something of photography, confine himself for a few days to the definite study of a single selected subject, making absolute photographs of it from the same view point but under different lightings, say, exposing one plate in the early morning, another in mid forenoon, a third at high noon, another in the afternoon and still another at early evening. Carefully develop and print each of these negatives and compare the finished results, using the experience thus gained as a siblely two of the views are good, the others will be far inferior, as the source of light, its direction and intensity are very important features in the composition and arrangement of a view. Almost any subject may be taken for this study, and it is recommended that the beginner go not far from home for this purpose. It is important that all the views be taken under the same general intensity of light, in order that the comparison may be an honest one, and while this may be prosaic work it will more than repay one for the trouble expended upon it.

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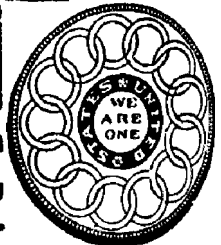


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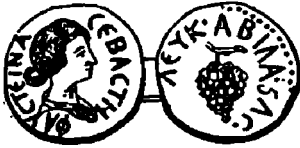
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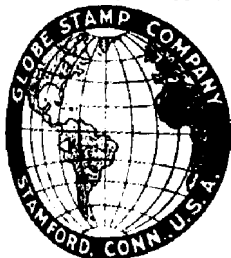
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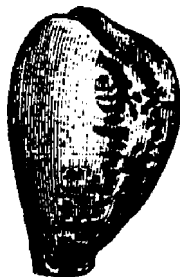
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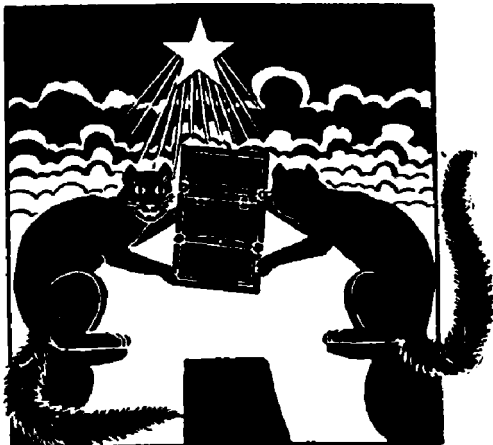
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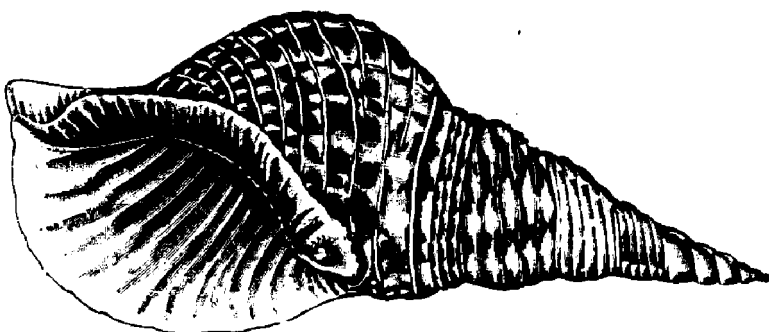
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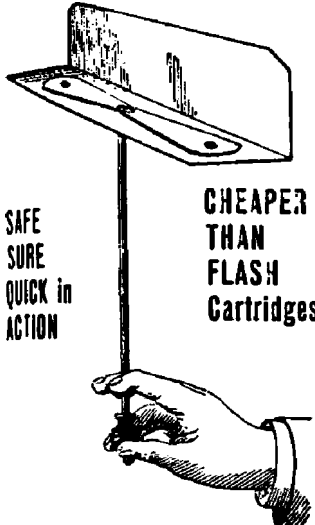
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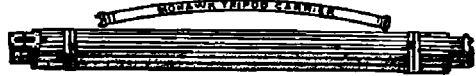
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22½ " dark green	10
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"	12c black	2 00	95	"	15c L of Columbus	1 50	70
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"	1c " III	15	07	"	24c Dec of Indep	5 00	2 50
"	5c " II	6 00	2 50	"	30c Coat of Arms	3 00	1 25
"	5c " III	2 50	1 15	"	90c Lincoln	15 00	7 50
"	10c green	35	15	1870	1c grill	50	20
"	12c black	1 25	50	"	2c "	10	05
"	24c lilac unused	6 00	2 00	"	3c "	05	02
"	30c orange	6 00	2 25	"	6c "	3 00	1 25
"	90c blue	30 00	12 00	"	7c "	3 00	1 25
1861	1c blue	06	02	1871	1c ultram	15	05
"	5c buff	7 00	3 00	"	7c verm	65	30
"	10c green	15	06	"	10c brown	15	05
"	12c black	50	25	"	12c violet	50	20
"	24c red lilac	1 00	45	"	15c orange	75	30
"	30c orange	50	25	"	24c purple	1 50	70
"	90c blue	3 50	1 70	"	30c black	40	15
1862	2c Jackson	06	03	"	90c carmine	1 25	55
"	5c blk brown	60	25	1887	3c vermilion	10	05
"	15c black	50	25	1888	5c indigo	04	02
"	24c lilac	40	20	"	30c orange brown	40	20
1868	1c grill 11x13 M	2 00	80	"	90c purple		55
"	2c " " "	20	10	1890	15c or 30c		04
"	3c " " "	04	01	"	90c orange, beauties		30
"	10c " " "	75	30	1893	Columbian 15c for 12c, 30c for 20c, 50c for 30c, \$1.00 for \$1.40		
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"	1c " 9x13	75	25	"	\$1.00 black	1 25	45
"	2c " " "	10	05	"	2.00 sapphire	3 00	1 25
"	3c " " "	05	01	1895	50c orange	15	05
"	5c " " "	4 00	1 50	"	\$1.00 black	50	23
"	10c " " "	60	25	"	2.00 for 95c, \$5.00 for 1.50		
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"	* 12c	1.50
"	* 03c (no gum) pr	.75
1870	01c grilled.....	.17
1870	* 01c "	2.00
1871	2c or 6c03
1871	12c20
1873	07c25
1873	12c20
1879	* 15c25
1879	30c05
1879	90c50
1888	* 30c Puce.....	.40
1883	30c "20
1893	15c Columbian..	.10
1893	* 15c "22
1893	30c "20
1893	* 30c "40
1893	* 50c "62
1894	* 50c65
1894	* 1.00	1.25
1c and 2c Interior Dep't on original cover.....		.18
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“ 1892, 1c to 1p	11	“ unpaid 1896, 1c to 50c....	7
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*Ecuador 1892	8	“ 1891, “	10
“ 1894	8	“ 1892, “	10
“ 1895	8	“ 1893, “	10
“ 1896	8	“ 1893, 2, 5, 10 pesos.....	3
“ 1892, official	8	“ 1894, 1c to 1p.....	10
“ 1894, “	7	“ 1894, 2, 5, 10 pesos.....	3
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1, 5, 10 lepta	65c
25 "	\$4 50

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	Per 1 set	Per 10 sets
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1889 99 1-1.5 10-20-25 40-		
50 lepta, 1 dr	10c	92c
1896 Olympian Games		
1-2 5-10-20-25 lepta 5c		40c
do 1-2-5-10 20 25 40-		
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do complete set	3 75	

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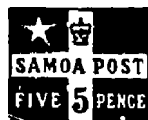
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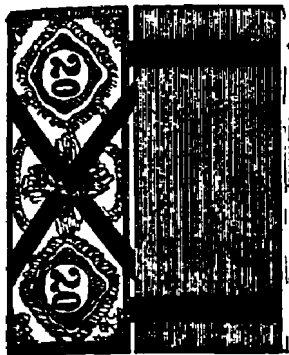
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1903 Cat.					My Price for					1903 Cat.					My price for				
Agriculture					Navy					State					Treasury				
	Price.	1st	2nd.	3rd.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.		Price.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1c yellow	\$3 50	\$2 50	\$1 25	\$0 70	1c blue	1 25	1 00	60	15	1c green	2 50	1 75	1 00	50	1c purple	1 50	75	67	50
1c used	3 50	2 50	1 25	1 00	1c used	1 25	1 00	60	15	1c used	2 50	2 00	75	40	1c used	1 50	1 00	60	50
2c yellow	1 00	75	40	30	2c blue	50	40	25	—	2c green	5 00	3 50	2 00	1 00	2c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
2c used	1 00	50	30	20	2c used	50	30	20	10	2c used	5 00	3 00	1 75	50	2c used	3 00	1 75	1 00	—
3c yellow	30	25	15	10	3c blue	50	35	20	10	3c green	7 50	60	40	—	3c purple	7 50	50	35	25
3c used	25	15	07	03	3c used	25	15	07	03	3c used	7 50	50	30	20	3c used	7 50	40	20	10
6c yellow	75	—	50	—	6c blue	50	35	25	15	6c green	7 50	60	30	20	6c purple	1 50	1 00	70	35
6c used	75	50	30	20	6c used	50	30	18	05	6c used	7 50	60	30	20	6c used	1 00	75	30	20
10c yellow	6 00	3 50	2 50	1 75	7c blue	15 00	12 00	6 00	3 50	7c green	3 00	2 00	1 25	50	10c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
12c yellow	8 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	7c used	10 00	6 00	3 75	1 75	7c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	40	12c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
12c used	8 00	4 00	2 50	1 75	10c blue	2 50	2 00	85	—	10c green	2 50	—	1 00	40	12c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
15c yellow	3 50	2 50	1 25	75	10c used	2 00	1 00	75	35	12c green	4 00	3 00	1 75	1 00	15c purple	5 00	3 25	1 75	—
21c yellow	5 00	2 50	2 25	1 75	12c blue	1 50	1 00	65	—	12c used	4 00	—	1 50	75	15c used	4 50	—	1 50	75
30c yellow	5 00	2 50	2 25	1 50	12c used	1 50	85	50	20	15c green	4 50	3 00	1 75	1 00	24c purple	8 50	—	3 50	1 75
Complete set, 9 stamps	33 95	—	13 50	—	15c blue	3 00	2 00	1 25	—	15c used	4 50	—	1 50	75	30c purple	7 00	4 00	2 75	1 50
Mixed set 9 stamps	31 50	—	12 00	8 50	15c used	3 00	1 50	1 00	40	30c green	12 00	10 00	6 00	4 50	30c used	7 00	4 00	2 75	1 50
Executive					Navy					State					Treasury				
1c carmine	8 00	6 00	3 75	2 75	24c blue	6 50	5 00	2 75	1 50	1c green	2 50	1 75	1 00	50	1c purple	1 50	75	67	50
1c used	8 00	6 00	3 25	—	24c used	4 00	2 50	1 25	50	1c used	2 50	2 00	75	40	1c used	1 50	1 00	60	50
2c carmine	8 00	5 00	3 25	2 75	30c blue	5 00	3 50	2 00	1 00	2c green	5 00	3 50	2 00	1 00	2c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
2c used	8 00	—	3 25	—	30c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	40	2c used	5 00	3 00	1 75	50	2c used	3 00	1 75	1 00	—
3c carmine	6 50	4 00	3 00	1 75	90c blue	15 00	12 00	6 00	2 75	3c green	7 50	60	40	—	3c purple	7 50	50	35	25
3c used	6 50	4 00	2 25	1 50	90c used	10 00	7 50	3 75	1 50	3c used	7 50	50	30	20	3c used	7 50	40	20	10
6c carmine	15 00	10 00	7 50	4 00	Complete set, 11 stamps	51 25	—	20 00	11 75	6c green	7 50	60	30	20	6c purple	1 50	1 00	70	35
6c used	15 00	10 00	7 50	—	Complete set, used	36 00	—	12 75	5 00	6c used	7 50	60	30	20	6c used	1 00	75	30	20
10c carmine	10 00	7 50	4 25	3 00						10c green	3 00	2 00	1 25	50	10c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
10c used	10 00	7 50	4 50	2 75						10c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	40	10c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
Complete set, 5 stamps	47 50	—	24 00	—						12c green	4 00	3 00	1 75	1 00	12c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
Mixed set, 5 stamps	47 50	—	21 75	12 75						12c used	4 00	—	1 50	75	12c used	3 00	2 00	1 00	—
Interior										State					Treasury				
1c vermilion	25	15	10	05						15c green	4 50	3 00	1 75	1 00	15c purple	5 00	3 25	1 75	—
1c used	25	20	08	05						15c used	4 50	—	1 50	75	15c used	4 50	—	1 50	75
2c vermilion	08	06	03	02						24c green	8 50	6 50	3 75	2 00	24c purple	8 50	—	3 50	1 75
2c used	05	04	03	02						24c used	8 50	—	3 50	1 75	24c used	8 50	—	3 50	1 75
3c vermilion	08	06	03	02						30c green	7 00	5 00	3 25	1 75	30c purple	7 00	4 00	2 75	1 50
3c used	50	30	20	05						30c used	7 00	4 00	2 75	1 50	30c used	7 00	4 00	2 75	1 50
6c vermilion	50	35	20	10						90c green	12 00	10 00	6 00	4 50	90c purple	12 00	10 00	6 00	4 50
6c used	50	30	20	10						90c used	12 00	11 00	5 00	4 00	90c used	12 00	11 00	5 00	4 00
10c vermilion	40	25	12	04						\$2 black and green	22 50	15 00	12 00	—	\$2 black and green	22 50	15 00	12 00	—
12c vermilion	75	50	25	10						\$2 used	22 50	—	11 00	7 50	\$2 used	22 50	—	11 00	7 50
15c vermilion	50	40	25	08						\$10 black and green	70 00	60 00	—	—	\$10 black and green	70 00	60 00	—	—
15c used	50	40	25	08						Set 1 to 90c, 11 stamps	51 00	—	21 00	12 75	Set 1 to 90c, 11 stamps	51 00	—	21 00	12 75
24c vermilion	1 00	75	30	15						Used set, 11 stamps	50 50	—	19 00	10 00	Used set, 11 stamps	50 50	—	19 00	10 00
24c used	75	60	25	10						Treasury									
30c vermilion	1 00	75	40	20						1c brown	1 25	75	25	12	1c brown	1 25	75	25	12
30c used	75	60	25	10						1c used	15	10	07	02	1c used	15	10	07	02
90c vermilion	4 00	3 00	1 50	50						2c brown	35	25	15	05	2c brown	35	25	15	05
90c used	2 50	2 00	1 00	35						3c brown	10	08	04	02	3c brown	10	08	04	02
Complete set, 10 stamps	8 21	—	2 75	1 10						6c brown	20	15	08	03	6c brown	20	15	08	03
Complete set, used	5 75	—	2 00	80						7c brown	2 50	1 50	1 50	50	7c brown	2 50	1 50	1 50	50
Justice										7c used	1 50	1 00	50	25	7c used	1 50	1 00	50	25
1c purple	1 50	75	67	50						10c brown	50	35	20	05	10c brown	50	35	20	05
1c used	1 50	1 00	60	50						10c used	50	35	20	05	10c used	50	35	20	05
2c purple	3 00	2 00	1 00	—						12c brown	25	15	03	03	12c brown	25	15	03	03
2c used	3 00	1 75	1 00	50						12c used	25	15	03	03	12c used	25	15	03	03
3c purple	75	50	35	25						15c brown	15	10	05	02	15c brown	15	10	05	02
3c used	75	40	20	10						24c brown	40	33	15	05	24c brown	40	33	15	05
6c purple	1 50	1 00	70	35						24c used	12 50	10 00	5 50	3 75	24c used	12 50	10 00	5 50	3 75
6c used	1 00	75	30	20						30c brown	3 00	2 50	1 00	50	30c brown	3 00	2 50	1 00	50
10c unused	3 00	2 00	1 25	—						30c used	50	40	20	10	30c used	50	40	20	10
10c used	3 00	2 00	1 25	—						90c brown	25	20	10	05	90c brown	25	20	10	05
12c purple	3 00	1 75	1 00	75						90c used	2 00	1 75	75	30	90c used	2 00	1 75	75	30
12c used	2 50	1 50	75	40						90c used	60	50	20	10	90c used	60	50	20	10
15c purple	6 00	5 00	2 75	1 75						Complete set, 11 stamps	20 80	—	8 75	5 00	Complete set, 11 stamps	20 80	—	8 75	5 00
15c used	6 00	4 00	2 00	1 50						Complete set, used	6 40	—	2 00	1 00	Complete set, used	6 40	—	2 00	1 00
24c purple	17 00	15 00	10 00	7 50															
24c used	17 00	—	7 00	—															
30c purple	20 00	20 00	9 00	5 00															
30c used	20 00	—	7 00	4 00															
90c purple	37 50	35 00	18 00	—															
90c used	37 50	—	17 00	10 00															
Complete set, 10 stamps	93 25	—	42 00	35 00															
Complete set, used	92 25	—	35 00	25 00															

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6 Gr Britian 1978, 10 shillings	7 00
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18 South Australia, 1859, 6p slate blue, no 12a	3 00
19 South Australia, 1867-73, 3p on 4p	2 00
20 Tasmania, 1864, 6p lilac, 1sh vermilion, unused, o g	1 75
21 Transvaal 1878, nos 75, 76, 78	2 00
22 " " 1877-92, nos 111 and	
23 " " " 2sh 6p unused	
24 " " 1893, no 118; 1895, no	
25 Victoria, 1850, 1p no 2, 3p no 4	1 85
26 " " 1854-58, 6p orange, 1884-86, 8p rose	1 45
27 U S State Dept, 1c green unused,	

Lot No.	Cat.
o g, fine	2 50
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38 64 stamps, mostly different, damaged and 31 reprints	11 61
39 About 12000 mixed U S and foreign, many var, some damaged	
40 1000 U S postal cards, 6 var	
41 Scotts '01 2 vol album, a little damaged	
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44 American Journal of Philately, 19 nos, vol 13, complete except no 2; Phil Californian, 5 diff nos, 1896-97, fine	
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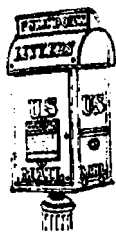
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Condition is better than usually found in such lots. All must be sold to make room. They are yours, if you are the highest bidders. The fine foreign revenues below will demand good prices as they are quite complete and containing many rarities. Bid by Lot No. Close of sale April 26.

Lot No	Part I.	U. S.	No in Lot	Lot No.	No. in Lot
1	A clean and fine packet, "postage only" '75 var.			28	Servia obsolete 6 " ... 150
2	cut sq envs ass 40 var.		350	29	German, '68-'80 7 " ... 430
3	Entire uns env before '87, 2 and 4c (cat \$1.00)		10	30	" " 89 set 6 " ... 1000
4	Postage before '98 (no reds) 6		1000	31	" " 1900 No 51 rare 75
5	Col '93, 2c		1000	32	" " " 10pf rare 100
6	Old 3c green		500	33	" " " 2-20pf rare 5 " . . 350
7	Revenues '61, 2c Int Rev.		135	34	" " " 30 & 40pf " " ... 100
8	" " '61 and '98 fine 50 var.			34a	On original covers 30 " ... 350
9	" " '98 doc 1c		200	35	Old & new stamp papers 20 " ... 100
10	" " " " 2c		200	Part II. FOREIGN REVS, TELEGR LOCALS	
11	" " " " unc ass 8 var.		500	36	Austria 48 var
12	" " " " 2c-\$1 9 var,			37	Cuba 20
	10 sets		90	38	Canada first issue (1.75) 15
13	Revs '98 doc 1/2c orange (9) grey (15) o g.		24	39	" " 2nd " (5.00) 17
14	Revs '98 doc 1 and 2c sur I R (1-50) o g.		30	40	" " 3rd " and Gas Insp 23
15	Rev '98 prop in blocks, ass, 6 var o g.		100	41	" " Weight & Measure (2.10) 18
16	Rev '98 prop (\$10.00), ass, 8 var		450	42	" " Electric Light (1.00) . . 2
16a	Pan Am stickers, fine coll, 85 var			43	" " Quebec Sur L C (3.40) 12
16b	Omaha Ex '98 8c o g, 5 copies.			44	" " " Law (2.64) 21
	FOREIGN var			45	" " " Licenze (1.00). 1
17	fine packet cat \$2.00		50	46	" " Ontario and Manitoba 33
17a	" " " " "		100	Above prices are 5 years old, worth more now	
18	" " " " "		60	47	France 40
19	postal cards, fine		25	48	Germany (will bring good price) 205
20	Austria and Hungary		32 ass	49	Gt Brit and Mauritius 38
21	Bav, Bel, Switzerl		22 "	50	Ecuador 40
22	Canada (Queen)		4 "	51	Italy and Norway 39
23	" " old letter cards			52	Japan and New So Wales 30
	and env, face 53 uns		5 "	53	India 96
24	Denm, Nor, Swed		12 "	54	Hungary 110
25	Netherl		8 "	55	Mexico 115
26	France, Italy, Port		15 "	56	Russia and Turkey 51
27	Gt Brit (queens)		4 "	57	Spain 28
				58	Swed and Switzerl 31
				59	From other foreign countries, (besides above one 150
				60	U S Revs, 40 var ass 100

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1 " Bulgaria, 4 var.....	03
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Cat No.	Cat Price.	My Price.	Per 10
56 2p green	05	02	15
58 1p lilac	05	02	15
101 1p red brown rev		02	15
HAWAII			
30 1c purple	20		12
31 2c red		40	25
32 5c blue	70		40
33 6c green	60		30
35 2c brown	10		06
36 12c black	1 50		75
37 1c blue	10		07
38 2c lilac rose	35		20
39 5c ultramarine	05		03
40 10c black	1 25		65
42 1c green	06		04
43 2c rose	04		02
44 10c brown	15		10
45 10c red	1 25		75
46 12c lilac	2 50	1 75	
49 \$1.00 rose	10 00	6 50	
50 2c red	50		25
55 1c green	06		04
57 2c violet	06		04
59 5c blue	10		06
60 6c green	50		30
68 10c brown	60		35
72 50c red	2 00	1 25	
74 1c yellow	04		02
75 2c brown	04		02
76 5c rose	05		03
77 10c green new	25		18
SAMOA			
9 ½p violet	08		04
10 1p green	08		05
11 2p yellow	12		08
12 4p blue	20		12
14 1sh rose	50		25
TONGA			
1 1p rose	05		03
2 2p violet	06		04
3 6p blue unused	35		21
5 1sh green	1 00		45
5 1sh green used	20		10
11 2p olive	15		10
29 1p green	1 00		60
30 2½p rose	20		12
35 ½p blue	03		02
39 1p red and black	06		04
40 2p bistre		08	06
41 2½p blue		10	05
42 3p green		12	08

Cat Price.	My Price.	Per 10
43 4p violet	18	12
44 5p orange	20	15
45 6p red	25	16
TRANSVAAL		
99 ½p gray	02	02
100 1p red	02	01
102 3p violet	25	18
103 4p bronze	08	06
104 6p blue	08	06
105 1sh green	08	06
113 2p olive	04	02
124 ½p gray	08	05
125 1p red	04	03
126 2p olive	06	04
127 6p blue	35	20
129 ½p gray	04	02
130 1p red	02	01
131 2p olive	04	02
132 3p violet	20	12
133 4p slate	25	18
134 6p blue	12	08
135 1sh green	40	30
138 ½p green	06	04
139 1p on 2½p violet	08	05
141 1p rose used	15	05
142 ½p green	03	01
143 1p rose	02	01
144 2p brown	05	03
145 2p blue	08	05
146 3p violet	25	15
147 4p green	25	18
148 6p violet	20	12
149 1sh bistre	08	05
178 ½p grn new or used	04	02
179 1p red	06	03
180 2p brown	08	06
181 2½p blue	10	06
182 3p violet	15	08
183 4p olive	18	12
184 6p violet	25	15
185 1sh bistre	45	30
186 2sh 6p violet	1 10	75
215 1p rose	06	03
216 ½p on 2p	05	03
220 ½p green used	03	02
221 1p red	02	01
222 2p violet		04
223 2½p blue		04
224 6p orange		05

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*Venezuela Maps, complete, 5 var..	12	6 U S Pan Amer, com.....	15
Greece 1901, 1l to 1dr, 11 var	20	7 Zanzibar, 1896	75
Sweden, 30 var	10	6 Sweden, official.....	04
*American Rapid Telg Co, 14 var ..	23	10 Servia	10
*No Mutual Telg Co R, 4 var	10	8 Samoa R.....	10
Johore 1903, 3c on 4c	04	20 Russia	12
		10 Japan	04

FREE 107 FINE STAMPS including Cape Colony, Turkey, Mexico, etc., for names of two stamp collectors and two cents postage.

Our Large Price List Free.

Our Approval Department Is Unexcelled.

TIFFIN STAMP CO.,

Tiffin, Ohio

Gracious!

What a nightmare our last months ad was! It was so full of mistakes and abbreviations that WEST readers must have wondered what we were trying to tell them. We wrote it correctly—bear that in mind—but, oh! the printer man! He certainly did do things to that poor ad.

But it is over now, and this month we are promised that our ad will be printed just as we write it. We have accepted the assurance in good faith, and ask WEST readers to do likewise. Send your order and get the stamps. Your money back if the stamps don't please you. Satisfaction is your right.

United States

	Cat price	Our price
1851 1c blue	\$ 30	\$ 15
10c green	75	40
1855 1c blue	15	07
3c rose, outer line	25	15
1861 1c blue	06	04
1862 2c black	06	04
5c brown	50	30
1869 1c buff	60	35
2c brown	15	10
6c blue	65	40
10c orange	80	50
12c green	60	40
15c without frame	3 50	2 00
24c green and black	5 00	3 50
30c blue and carmine	3 00	1 75
1890 15c indigo	08	05
30c black	08	08
90c orange	50	30
1893 6c Columbian	07	04
15c "	30	15
30c "	40	30
50c "	50	35
1895 15c dark blue	03	02
50c orange	15	10
\$1.00 black	50	25
2.00 blue	1 75	1 25
5.00 green	2 25	1 75

Postage extra on all orders under 50c.

Brown Stamp Co,
105 S. 15th St,
Omaha, Neb.

Opposite Old Postoffice.

The Cheapest Yet!

You get \$1 green, \$1 gray, \$1 red,
\$1 bk & gr, \$2 gray, \$3 brown 7c

1 set 1898, Doc Rev 1c-\$1.00	5c
Panama 1c & 2c surch in red new	5c
6 var Chicago precancelled	5c
7c Queen 7c King Canada	7c
Pan American set 1c-10c	12c
Set 1900 Tasmania views	50c
1 shil Tasmania pen marked	7c
1000 hinges	7c
20 blank app sheets	5c
100 var fine stamps	7c
100 Australian 10 kinds	10c
50 postmarks	5c
500 var. will cat \$10 or over	1 00
Scotts latest catalogue	58c

Stamps sent out on approval.

C. W. Arndt & Co.,
332 Park Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

SOREL?

Make good use of your duplicates. Will allow $\frac{3}{4}$ value fine stamps for all those you send cataloguing 3c and over. Send want list. Emil Spinony, P O Box 453, Great Falls, Mont.

Any Stamp. From Any Country
In the western hemisphere supplied at 50 per cent. Twelve thousand varieties to fill your spaces with. Reference required. Bluff City Stamp Co., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

20 var Italy 8c, 10 var 98 rev 4c, 5 var Nicaragua envs 20c, 75 diff stamps free to all who apply for approval sheets. R V McCallum, Auburn, Me.

Send for approval sheets at 50 percent discount. Spink Stamp Co., 4211 W. Belle Place, St. Louis, Mo.

FREE! Celluloid perf gauge with first 10 orders U S 1902-3, 1 to 15c complete 12c. Acme Stamp Co, 8 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

NEW LIST OUT 

A Few Rare Stamps



*Catalogues, Crisp B. B. Bills,
Curio in Paper, Stamp Collections
in Packets, 100 to 4000 in Stock,
Var. Packets, Hinges, Market Price*



*Wholesale Selections
on Approval
to Reliable Parties*



*If you want to Sell
We give References
on Request*



*Our Store Packets are Salable
and Reasonably Priced
As the result of buying out Some Dealers
I have a Few Bargains:*



Old Bills, 1.50.....	\$ 1.00
20 Diff, rare	1.00
150 Kinds U. S. includes Dept.....	1.00
1430 Collection in Album.....	10.00
1000 Assorted Stamps for Collector (real thing).....	1.00
100 Year old paper	1.00

Assorted stamps in approval books 75 per cent. discount as long as they last. 2000 good books in this stock—good chance for young dealer.

E. L. Warner,

223 Metropole Hotel,

Chicago, Ill.

You want my stamps! I want your cash

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH

Victoria. 1901	10	100	
½ green, postage	2½d	1	6
1d rose	1d		4c
1½d red and yellow, ptg	1	9	
6d green, postage	1	6	
9d rose	3		
1 - orange	3	6	
½d, 1d, 2d, Post Dues		8d	
4d Post Dues	1	3	
5d and 6d Post Dues	3	6	
Well assorted Australians, 1000	2	6	
Australian Pkts. 1 - 2 6 5 -			

Tasmania 1900

½d Green views	1		
1d red, 2d mauve views	2d	1	4
2½d indigo, views	1	6	
3d brown, 4d orange, views	2	6	
5d blue, views	3	6	
6d lake views	4		
Single set complete	2		

Other Austrailians equally cheap, stamps for reply, money order over 60c, orders of \$5.00 post paid and registered. No more common exchange wanted.

E. R. STURGESS & CO.,

Williamstown, Victoria. AUSTRALIA.

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Of the 1898 prop ⅓ to 5c, complete, for 20c postpaid.

Wellington Brezee,

86 Morton St. Albany, N. Y. (2-2)

Send for a Copy
of our
1904
PRICE LIST



of
British

North American
Postage Stamps
and
Philatelic Supplies.
CENTURY STAMP CO.,
P. O. Box 197,
Montreal, Canada

500 varieties	\$ 1.00
750	"	2.00
1000	"	3.50
1500	"	7.50
2000	"	12.00

Postage extra.

These varieties contain postage stamps only. No Revenues, no cut square, no minor varieties.

REV. R. STOLLENWERK,
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Stamps on Approval
-AT-

75% Discount

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100 Varieties 25c

The foreign revenue contagion is spreading. Selections on approval. Liberal diacounts. Quarter of a million in stock.

890 Guerrero Street,

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W. F. Greany,

PEELABLE HINGES

NOT ENGLISH 1000 12c. POST FREE.		NOT GERMAN 5000 50c. POST FREE
STRONG PAPER—TASTELESS GUM		
W. F. GREGORY, 71 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK		

M. Snyder, Hopkinton, Ia. Received replys to my ad before I got the paper.

I think the WEST the best collectors paper in America.—E Klein, Milwaukee,

SMALL DEALERS

and collectors of stamps will learn something of monetary value to them by writing us at once.

Enclose stamp for reply.

For 4c in stamps will mail you catalogue of U. S. stamps.

NU SYSTEM COMPANY,
10063 Avenue N.
Chicago Illinois.

IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!

but I can assure my patrons that the stamps in Packets E and F were all honestly procured.

Packet E \$1.50 cat value 25c

Packet F \$3.50 cat value 50c

These contain stamps cat from 1c to 25c or over. Money back if you get that tired feeling.

Honduras 1891-1c to 1 Peso 25c

" 1891-2-5-10 Peso 25c

Both sets for 45c

Honduras 7 varieties, cat 19c 05c

PRECANCELLS TO CREMATE

20 varieties 10c

30 " 15c

40 " 25c

50 " 50c

60 " 75c

Detroit, Mich. 1c due invest 10c

Detroit, Mich. 2c due normal 10c

Blocks of 4 at same rate.

Precancells per 100, about 20 var 30c

The collectors catalogue of stamps of all countries postpaid 10c

J D HUBEL, DETROIT, MICH.
1265 Trumbull Ave.

Highest cash price paid for precancels sent on approval to us with price, try us before others. 7 var precancelled with Keene, N H souvenir card 12c; 100 U S 5c; 100 foreign 5c; for every 100 U S sent us we give foreign cat 12c or more. Try this once, address Manley Stamp Co, Sharon, Vermont.

GOOD TRADERS: Philippine Is. 1094—6c red orange unused, cat at 8c each—Scott no. 94: Ten nice copies, post paid for only 18c. We can fill orders from any of our ads in the last 6 numbers of the WEST—Presents included.

LINCOLN STAMP & COIN CO. LINCOLN, NEB.

SAY! STOP!

Send us 15 cents and we will send you the Colonial Stamp collector, "The Standard Philatelic Monthly" for six months and will give you 100 var. of genuine foreign stamps and a beautiful set of Cuban revenue. FREE Don't delay. Write now.

To the 50th person associating this "ad" we will give an Imperial Album Free. Ads pay rate on application.

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1c Quetzal Bird.

2c J. Rufino Barrios.

5c. Reform Palace.

6c. Temple of Minerva.

10c. Lake of Amatitlan.

20c. The Cathedral.

50c. Columbus Theater.

75c. Artillery Barracks.

1p: Statue of Columbus.

2p. Indian Institute.

This fine unused set catalogues \$2.79 and will be given FREE for purchases amounting to \$5.00 from my approval books. In addition there will be sent FREE, regardless of amount of your purchases, ten other varieties, all unused, making the total value of the 20 VAR. FREE STAMPS NEARLY \$3.00. No live collector will miss this. Hunt the WEST through for another bargain half so good. Then write today, giving ref. You must have this set.
ELMER SMITH, PONTOOSUC, ILL.

TWELFTH MAIL AUCTION SALE, April, 21, 1904. Each lot to be sold to the highest bidder. All stamps genuine, in good condition and used and unused unless otherwise stated. All bids to be by the lot. Postage to be paid by purchaser. Send bids early. At close of sale highest bidders will be notified and lots will be forwarded on receipt of remittance. Wholesale lots are always soaked from pa per. Anything not as catalogued can be returned and money will be refunded. Such lots must be returned within three days after receipt. Address all orders to **R. WILLIAMS, West Roxbury, Mass.**

Lot No.	PART I	Cat Value	No in Lot.	
1	U. S. 1882-1890 22 fine stamps duplicates	2 64	22	29 Fine used lot of 12 1 54 12
2	Cat. 182 straight edge	1 00	1	30 Fine lot of 9 used includes 12½ green.. 1 78 9
3	1871 2c fine copy	1 50	1	31 Canada, fine lot of 11 3 94 11
4	no 185 superb copy	1 00	1	32 Jubilee 1c (3) 2c (3)3c (1) 5c (2) 8c (2) 10c (2)
5	no 188 superb copy could not be better	3 00	1	33 Fine mixed lot of 16 face 50c
6	no 189 a fine	2 00	1	34 Maple leaves and numerals some complete sets face
7	Columbian 1c 15c mixed	1 15	22	35 Caymen island and Ceylon, lot 21 face 48c
8	1894 1c (5) 3c, 4c, 10, 15c	1 07	9	36 China 27 fine stamps, used
8a	1894 2c Triangle I (5) II (2) III (4)	1 60	11	37 Cyprus fine lot 30 para to 9 piastre
9	Trans-Mississippi 28c 1-10a 71c extra face.	67	19	38 Dominica no. 19, no 22 very fine
10	Pan-American complete set		6	39 ½d, 1d, 2½d 4d 5 sets Bids will be accepted for a single set
11	Pan-American 1c 31 copies	31	31	40 Falkland Island ½ to 9d duplicates face 49c
12	Interior department 2c (5) 3c (2) 6c (2) 24c (1)	3 13	10	41 Gambia and Gold coast nice lot 12, face 30c
13	Executive 3c carmine centered south	15 00	1	42 Grenada and Malta mixed lot face 49c
14	State 3c and 6c	1 50	2	43 Hawaii Islands fine lot 17 one used
15	War. 15c 5 copies fine	1 00	5	44 Hayti nice lot of 15 ... 1 34 15
16	24c 5 fine copies	1 00	5	45 Montserrat ½d 1d, 2½d 4d fine
17	½c orange documentary 13 copies	1 04	13	46 Another the same ... 1 75
18	U. S. I. R. 1c x 2c face 42c		26	47 New Brunswick 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c
19	Dues 1c-30c early issues face 1.22		14	48 Another without 17c ... 76
20	Dues 1c claret 57 copies		57	49 New Foundland late late issue face 32
21	Dues 2c claret, 63 cop.		63	50 nice lot 12 varieties 1 79
22	Dues 10c " 11 cop.		11	51 Nice lot 4 var. nos. 34, 42, 37, 53
23	Antiqua 11 sets ½, 1, 2½, 4 Bids will be expected on single set		44	52 No. 35 superb copy ... 1 75 3
24	Bahamas 1c 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1sh green face..	45	5	53 Nos. 27, 28, 29
25	Bermuda fine lot green x late issues face..	1.12	24	54 No. 23 1 shilling
26	Brit. Guiana fine mixed	1.00	17	55 Cabot set complete face \$2.15
27	Brit. Protectorate fine mixed lot face 80c..		17	56 New Zealand. mixed lot face 59c
28	Canada ½ small x maple leaf face 24c		48	57 Nevis nos. 21, 28, 29, 30 fine lot
				58 Niger Coast ½d, 1d, 2d face 81c

Lot No.	Cat. Value	No in Lot.
59 Orange River Colony No 41, 57, 60.....		3
60 Queensland mixed lot face 37c.....		16
61 Rhodesia 1c-1sh face 70c.....		6
62 Another lot of 40 face 72c.....		40
63 Sierra Leone and St. Lucia mixed lot, face 46c.....		13
64 St. Vincent mixed lot face 47c.....		18
65 6 sets ½d, 1d, 2½d, 4d	3 60	24
66 Seychelles fine lot of 10.....	1 99	10
67 South Australia and Mauritius, face 42c		22
68 mixed lot of King and Queen heads face 57c		35
69 Victoria ½d-2 sh fine lot, face \$1.41.....		12
70 Lot 12 var. face 69c..		12
71 Virgin Islands no. 16 superb.....	1 50	1
72 No. 15 3 copies.....	1 80	3
73 1d no. 13, 12 copies..	1 44	15
74 1d no 19 18 copies..	2 16	18
75 Zululand No. 4 12 cop.	96	12
76 Approval book 74 fine stamps of British colonies and Danish West Indies.....	4 16	74

The following four lots without recourse and will be taken back on no consideration.

- 77 Collection of 500 var. and 1000 good duplicates. Many stamps list \$1 or more will catalogue about \$100.00.
- 78 1800 blank approval sheets, bond paper made to hold 20 stamps.
- 79 75 approval books holding 60 stamps
- 80 2 stock-books—Scotts 2 volume album were made into these by making a pocket for each stamp listed. Will hold 25,000 stamps easily. Cost over \$25.00.

PART II

This consists of fine lots, both used unused.

81 U. S. 1873 30c fine used copy.....	50	1
82 1888 30c fine used copy.....	40	1
83 1888 90c purple fine used copy.....	90	1
84 1890 90c orange very fine used.....	50	1
85 U S 1895 5c and \$1 both fine used.....	65	2
86 1895 \$1 fine used.....	50	1
87 Omaha 50c fine, used copy.....		1

88 Superb pair of the same		2
89 Navy 12c.....	1.50	1
90 Centennial envelopes 3 red used.....	40	1
91 5 more nice copies.....	2 00	5
92 13 var envelopes.....	1 90	13
93 23 envelopes 20 unused, face 73c		23
94 1898 Rev. \$10 black fine uncut		1
95 \$50 dark brown uncut, fine	2 50	1
96 \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, gray all uncut and fine		67 4
97 \$10 gray uncut.....	1 00	1
98 \$3 Carmine uncut fine		1
99 \$3 Carmine cut fine.....	75	1
100 Antiqua 1d no 13.....	64	8
101 Cuba on U S blocks of 4 1c 10c face \$1.09		24
102 Cuba set complete face 31		6
103 Cuba 1 on 3 pair o g.....		2
104 Canada 12½ green, 12½ blue		
105 ½ Jubilee		1
106 Chile no 38- 40 two good stamps		2
107 Falkland Island 7 fine copy	30	1
108 Hawaii 12c black and sur-	75	1
108 1894 complete set 1c-25c	1 42	6
110 New Brunswick 1c rare shade.....	1 50	1
111 New Foundland no. 1 unused.....	1 75	1
112 no 21 superb unused.....	1 75	1
113 " 23 " ".....	1 25	1
114 " 30 " ".....	1 00	1
115 no 37 and 59 2 fine used stamps.....	70	2
116 no 32 a beauty dark shade	65	1
117 No. 59 60 fine copies unused	70	2
118 No 34, 42 " " " "	75	2
119 No. 51, 52, 53 " " " "	45	3
120 No. 75 one on three	60	1
121 Newfoundland no 76 fine	2 00	1
122 no 49.....	30	1
123 1899 complete ½-2c.....		5
2½.....		4
124 Another similar.....		5
125 Niger Coast C. A. ½ 1, 2, 2½		4
126 Nova Scotia 5c on cover	30	1
127 5c and 10c on cover both off center.....	1 80	2
128 12½ black.....	1 25	1
129 O. R. Colony V. R I. ½d 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d.....		5
130 Virgin Island no 19 black of 8.....	95	8
131 A collection of stamps in album about 6.00 six hundred variety collected many years ago.....	30 00	

A C Chase,

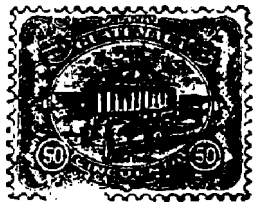
DEALER IN

U. S. and Foreign Postage and Revenue Stamps. Stamps on Approval my Specialty

Box 166,
East Providence, R. I.



	Cat	My
	Price	Price
Rep Argentine set off 1901	60	24
Columbia, no 31	30	11
Antioquia, " 124	25	10
Cape of G H " 52	02	01
Malta " 8	02	01
Transvaal " 143	02	01
Shanghai nos 265-66-67	12	05
Nyassa, comp set 1901	1 31	50
Salvador, " " 1891	76	28
Hawaii off " " "	5 00	2 15



Guatemala, no 68	30	10
" " 70	30	10
" " 71	30	10
" " 108	03	01
" " 124	12	05
" " 126	12	05
Costa Rica, no 223a strip of 3 [centre error]	2 40	1 00

Sweden

	Each	Per 10
3 Sk Bco	\$9 00	
4 " "	04	35
4 " " grey	35	
6 " "	2 60	
8 " "	1 00	
24 " "	6 50	
Local Blk	80	
5 ore shield	03	25
9 " "	65	
12 " "	01	05
24 " "	04	35
10 on 12 Blue	02	15
10 " 24	08	
1 krona 1900	02	15
24 ore unpaid	12	
2 " Posthorn	02	18
6 " "	05	45

NORWAY

8 Sk 1863 each	13
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FINLAND

20 P	06
32 P	12
10 K Blue	05



Oscar Bernstrom,
Poughkeepsie, NY

FREE! 13 var unused stamps for the names and addresses of three stamp collectors. A N Borneo stamp cat. 25c if you buy 25c worth net from my fine app. sheets at 50 per cent com. **FOR SALE**—105 var 9c. 1000 mixed 14c. 1000 hinges 7c. 2c extra on all orders. I buy collections. **H. E. HOLLINGER, 166 S Portage Path, Akron, Ohio.**

Collections by Themselves.

25 var Cuba and Porto Rico	\$.25
30 var Sweden	.12
50 var Australia	.50
100 va. South America	.60
150 var British Colonies	1.00
200 var British Colonies	2.00
200 var U. S	.50
500 var Foreign	.75
1000 var Foreign	3.00
1500 var all over the globe	5.00

We are also ready to buy "any old thing" in the stamp line. Nothing too big; nothing too small.

1000 well mixed U S or Foreign	\$.13
10 var Chili	.10
35 var Belgium	.10
100 var U. S.	.20
Nicaragua 1900, 1,2,3,4c.	.10
" 1890, 50c, 1 and 2p.	.12
" Official 1899 complete.	.25
San Marino 1894 complete og.	.20
North Borneo 1893 1c so 24c.	.50

Approval sheets at 60 per cent. References required.

Western Stamp Co. Omaha, Neb.
702 N. Y. Life Bldg.

22 var, Italy 8 cents, 35 var. Germany 10c Nyassa 1898 complete set unused 25c. Ecuador 1896 complete set unused 25c. 1000 mixed foreign 19c. 1000 hinges 8 cents, Fine stamps on approval at 50 per cent discount. Your duplicates bought for cash or exchanged. Price list free to all.

E J WOLF, 1100 Hoffman St. BALGIMORE, MD.

SAVE MONEY on supplies. 1000 Omega hinges only 6c. Regular 10c. Arno Neil, Denver, Colo. (3 3).

Stamped bank checks 2c orange unused and fine. 5 for 8c post paid, will trade
H. C. REDDING, TYBO, NEVADA.

WANTED to Purchase Entire Envelopes
With either adhesive or embossed stamp any issue in good condition used. Do not send on approval without being requested to do so. Apply to I. T. Cal- len, 821 Union St., New Orleans, La.

20th Century Bargains.

Every order over 10c gets a fine pres- ent according to size of order.

1. U S 1902-3 issue 1c to 13ct-10var \$.06
2. " " " 3c, 6c or 8c each .01
3. " " " 13c or 16c .02
4. " " " 50 c fine copy each .08
5. " " "\$1.00 " " .30
6. " " " 2.00 " " 1.30
7. " " " 5.00 " " 1.50
8. " " " 50c and \$1 fair .06-.25
9. " " " \$2 and \$5 "\$1.10-1.25
10. Cuba 3c on 3c U. S. fine used .05
11. Cuba 3c new issue fine used .03
12. Cuba 1c on 3c new issue-og .07
13. Cuba Orange Special Del. cat \$20-.09
14. Cuba new issue complete set used.10
15. Canada 7c Queen or King fine ".04
16. Canada king's head com set used.10
17. U S 1895 30 and 50 c Dues gems cat. \$90-.30
18. U S 1890 15 or 30c good copies each .04
19. U. S. Cols perfect gems 15, 30, and 50c @ 14-23-30
20. U. S. Col's. fair copies same (a)12-19-25

Want lists of U. S. Postage or Revs. filled at bargain prices. Send your list and a reference. Postage 2c extra under 25c.

FRANK B KIRBY, New Bedford, Mass.
227 Arnold St.

SOREL?

Announce

Envoyez moi LiScaux United State- Matches, Tobacco, Revenue, anssi Fis- caux de Colombie et j enverrai en echange, bon Anihs de France et Col- onies, on FiScaux francias. A. Bajet Vernon (Eure) France. (2-3)

LOOK 'EM UP. My other ads in this issue. **HENRY HUFF, BYRON, ILL.**

It has been truly said WEST is the Munsey of philately.—C Farra, Lancaster, Ky

A Fine Lot of Straits Settlements and Hawaiians

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From A. E. Carr we learn of the death of N. La Chapelle. Mr. Chapelle resided in Lynn, Mass., and was known as one of the old time collectors. He was called away at the age of 25. His untimely death is mourned by a host of philatelic friends.



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Our writer's Contest is very popular. Over 80 contestants have submitted articles to date. Every reader of the WEST is eligible. A rare opportunity to get a valuable prize without cost. Our regular contributors are not permitted to enter this competition.



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In the last number is given the names of the prize winners in our second opinion contest. Our dealer friends should get some valuable ideas from this as showing what readers consider the best or most interesting style of advertising.



For the benefit of many inquiries and the victims of the World's Fair joker, we repeat: There is no premium on any silver dollar of the current type, except 1895, with no mint mark (coined at Phila.), when in proof condition, commands about \$6.00.



Printers Ink says: excitement was recently created in London by the appearance on the streets of six walking pillar mail boxes like those used for postal purposes, each containing a sandwich man provided with an umbrella. This odd advertisement was employed to announce an exhibition of postal cards given by a Souvenir Card Co there. The police intervened, but no law was violated, and the ad was permitted to travel about.



The residents of Korea had planned to have a celebration on the third anniversary of the coronation of their emperor, but cholera broke out in Seoul and the plans were thwarted. Eight thousand of commemorative stamps had been issued and then the order was countermanded.



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	1855.	1857.
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Height of foot	2¼ mm	3¼ mm
of letter to point of angle	2½ mm	2mm
Width of heavy arm	3, mm	3, mm
Opening of angle	17°	19°
	27°	28°
		25°

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In No. 2 of the REVISTA DE LA SOCIEDAD FIATÉLICA CUBANA Dr. Barreras, the foremost authority on the stamps of Cuba, has an exhaustive article on the Y, surcharge of Cuba in 1855-57. The article is well fortified with official documents; it appears that the issue was 200,000, that they were surcharged in entire sheets of 170 by the



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First on the list is not a paper but a pamphlet which bears the pretentious title of "The International Directory of Philatelic Literature Collectors, Dealers and Publishers." It is published by Victor Marsh, 389 Brixton Road, London S. W. England; price 1 shilling and three pence. On 66 pages the booklet gives a good deal of information on the philatelic literature of the world. Papers by Judge Suppantchitsch, Dr. Thebussum, Dr. Rommel and the present writer deal with various phases of our literature and six pages are taken up with the directory proper. All interested in philatelic literature in any way will do well to procure the little book; it fills a place of its own.

In No. 280 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste I* find the interesting information that last year a movement was on foot to provide the French postage stamps with Sunday labels like the Belgian stamps. An investigation was made which revealed the fact that in Belgium these labels effect a saving of only about ten percent in the Sunday work of the mail carriers. It was estimated that the change on the French stamps would involve an initial expense of about \$16,000 and

hereafter an annual increased expense of \$18,000, chiefly for additional paper. In view of this the idea was dropped for the present. Our mail carriers surely ought to appreciate their Sunday rest when they contrast it with the European work on Sunday.

Much indignation has been aroused among French stamp dealers by the mysterious reappearance of certain French Colonial remainders which were supposed to have been burned, whereupon the dealers raised the price. It is charged that they were stolen from the lot ordered to be burned, and the French dealers even lodged formal complaint with the authorities, but nothing has been done about it.

M. Maury's paper has of late made a specialty of stamp caricatures; in No. 280 there is a most amusing travesty of the present high values design of France. The arch in the background has become that of a bridge across the Seine; the figure of the republic has been metamorphosed into a washerwoman reclining from her work; at the right a washtub has been cleverly introduced and the shield at the left bearing the figure of value has, with very slight alterations, become a steaming wash-boiler. The effect is extremely comical, all the more as at first glance one hardly notices the alterations.

In No. 282 it is reported that France is about to issue stamps in booklets like ours. The idea seems to be considered original with France; M. Maury fails to remember that similar booklets are already in use in the Netherlands, in Hungary, in New Zealand, in Tasmania—possibly in other countries.

The design for the new stamps for New Caledonia is reproduced enlarged. It is quite pretty thus, but it is said that in reduction the fine details have

all disappeared. France is really having the worst kind of luck with her colonial issues; each succeeding one turns out homlier than those before it—chiefly through the poor engraving and printing.

The new Haitian issue gives rise to inquiries as to the biographies of the notables there depicted. M. Maury makes it the occasion for rehearsing a dark chapter in French history; the loss of Haiti. In 1802 Napoleon sent General Laclere to subdue the insurrection in Haiti with 21,000 men. Toussaint L'Ouverture and Christophe were the leaders of the revolution, but were both forced to surrender; the former died as a prisoner in France in 1803. The French army lost heavily by disease and the insurgents again rose under Dessalines; in 1803 he proclaimed himself emperor under the name of Jaques I. and raved with terrible cruelty against the whites, of whom he is said to have killed and caused to be killed some 50,000. In 1806 he was murdered by Christophe.—Petion at first fought with the French against Toussaint L'Ouverture, but later joined Dessalines. After his death he proclaimed himself president in southern Haiti, while Christophe became King of the northern part.—It is noteworthy, by the way, that the French misfortunes in Haiti had much to do with Napoleon's anxiety to rid himself of Louisiana, which bid fair to become a similar elephant on his hands.—The biography of President Nord is also given, but too long for reproduction; he is 84 years of age and has had a decidedly checkered career.

I am greatly pleased to welcome that valuable Spanish paper, Madrid Filatelico, back into our ranks. It has always ranked with the best of its class

and its suspension a while back was much regretted. I wish it a long and useful career in its new estate.—The serial publication of the history of Spanish stamps is also resumed with No. 73, it is now up to page 168.

The PHILATELIC CHRONICLE & ADVERTISER of Birmingham has made a change in its makeup; the ADVERTISER is now combined with the reading matter. I quote the following:

“The following curios odd values appear amongst obsolete and current British colonial stamps: 4 d Bermudas, Barbadoes etc.; 4½d Malta; 6½d Newfoundland; 7d Virgin and Leeward Islands; 7½d New South Wales, New Zealand etc.; 10d Great Britain, New South Wales etc.; 12d Canada; 12½d New South Wales.

The list is rather incomplete even in British currency stamps; if other currencies were regarded the list of odd values would be a long one.

SZEKULA BRIEFMARKEN—VERKEHR has moved back to Budapest, Hungary, and will hereafter be issued from that city.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN has blossomed out in a new cover design. The noted philatelist whose portrait appears in the January number is Mr. Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg, whose collection ranks third in the world—perhaps second. Just think of a collection which is best described by enumerating the four stamps which are all it lacks: Mauritius Post Office 2d; British Guiana 1st issue, 2c rose, and 1856, 1c; Hawaii; 1st issue, 2c!! But I suppose we get just as much fun out of our few paltry thousands as he does out of his.

What you might call microscopic

philately is found in Mr; Pooles study of the 1893 provisionals of the Seychells. He distinguishes six different settings of the surcharging type for the 3 cents on 4 cents and the number of raised letter, broken letter etc. varieties is legion. I quote the following as to the manner of surcharging:

“ The stamps were surcharged thirty at a time, so that each sheet of 120 had to go under the printing press four times. This can be seen at once by examining a pane of sixty stamps, for the shifted and broken letter varieties occupy identical positions on the top and bottom blocks of thirty. To facilitate the work of overprinting the margin was torn off many of the sheets so that the panes then only had to be folded in two before being surcharged. In some cases, too, the panes were torn in half before being surcharged so that these stamps would be sent from the printers in blocks of thirty (five rows of six.)”

In setting two only five stamps of the thirty are normal, all the others showing minor defects! To follow this kind of collecting, one has to buy every new provisional in entire sheets—interesting, but a trifle expensive.

From the article on the stamps of Greece I quote the following relative to the stamps surcharged A M and the new set with those initials in the upper corners:

“ These letters stand for AXIA METALIKI which means ‘Gold Value’ and signify that they would only be sold by the Post Office for gold and not in exchange for the depreciated paper currency. They were used only for international parcels and money orders.”

The STAMP COLLECTOR of Birmingham is improving considerably in its

makeup, being now on plate paper altogether. The January and February numbers have an interesting paper on the stamps of Lagos. In No. 1 there is an illustrated paper on the garter water-marks of the British stamps, written by the wellknown American writer, Mr. C. L. Annan. He illustrates five varieties: small, medium, large with buckle downwards, large with buckle upwards, large with heavy lines.—The writer of this review is also represented by a paper on the Why and Wherefore of Various Stamps (the beginning of a series on this topic). In the February number there is an interesting article on the reprints and forgeries of the 1869-1883 issues of the Transvaal. I quote as follows:

“ There is only a small quantity of these reprints, which can be classified in the three following issues:

“ Issue of 1871, 3 pence

“ “ “ 1871, 6 “

“ “ “ 1883, 3 “

“ All other stamps of the Transvaal described as reprints are nothing else than forgeries. — — — As every collector knows the fixed stamps of the Transvaal consisted of the following two types:

“ Type I—Eagle with outstretched wings.

“ “ II—Re-engraved Eagle type (with downward wings).

“ It is with the second type that we have to deal, as they served for reprints.”

The first reprints of the 3d were made by A. Otto, the printer of the originals, who had retained a plate of the 3d. They are described as follows:

“ These stamps are to be recognized by their brighter colors, gumming and quality of paper. The colors of the originals are lilac blue, without any tinge of red; the reprints are reddish-lilac and grey-lilac. They

"are also found in fancy colors, such
"as ultramarine dull rose, ochre etc.
"The reprints are also known tete-
"beche; the plates used for the orig-
"inal stamps of this value contain no
"tete-beche.—The paper is thinner
"or more transparent than that of the
"originals and the impression of the
"design is not so noticeable on the re-
"verse side as on the reprints, on
"which the design is very clear when
"turning the stamp. The reprints
"are: 3d lilac-rose and lilac-grey,
"imperforate and rouletted 15, 15½."

The 6d of this issue was also re-
printed by Otto (the plates never were
sent out). These are dangerous.

"The only difference is that, where-
"as the originals are printed in very
"light blue, the reprints are printed
"in blue and milky blue and fancy
"colors. Of this issue the most reli-
"able best is the cancellation. The
"forged cancellation is seldom, if ev-
"er, impressed, but generally litho-
"graphed; the obliterations on the
"originals are nearly always sunk
"into the paper and visible on the re-
"verse."

"In 1883 Otto made reprints of the
"3d, eagle type, issued at that time in
"the Transvaal. Of these reprints
"the rose color of the paper is too
"bright. Otto used the paper which
"was still in his possession, but dif-
"fered from the paper used for the
"1877 issue 6d blue on rose (left over
"by the British and used by the
"Transvaalers). The printing of the
"reprints is in black brown or rusty
"black, instead of grey black or jet
"black as in the originals. The paper
"of the reprints is much thinner
"against the thick white wove paper
"of the originals; the gum is white
"and smooth in the reprints against
"the yellowish color of the originals.
"- - - The reprints of the 3d or-

"ange on white are very well execut-
"ed and resemble the originals most-
"ly. The paper of the originals is
"thick with yellowish gum, whereas
"the paper of the reprints is thinner
"and with white gum. The orange
"color is darker than that of the orig-
"inals; the originals are not so finely
"executed, they are more or less
"blurred; the reprints are very finely
"executed."

In No. 603 of the ILLUSTRIRTES
BRIEFMARKEN-JOURNAL, the interest-
ing article descriptive of Nicaragua
is brought to a close; such historical
articles have their place in our press.
From number 604 I quote the follow-
ing:

"We hear that the German 5 mark
"stamp is shortly to be changed in
"color, because the present colors,
"black and deep red give a very clear
"photographic reproduction, so that
"the danger of forgery by a modern
"process of reproduction (photograv-
"ure, heliotype etc.) has become too
"great. It is therefore intended to
"use so-called 'neutral' colors, which
"make a sharp photo-mechanical re-
"production impossible. For the
"frame a bluish violet or bluish green
"and for the central group of princes
"a lilac rose will probably be se-
"lected."

The following relative to the high
"values in use in Persia will be of in-
"terest:

"Stamps over 5 Kraus are not used
"on letters; higher values serve to
"Frank postal packets and are re-
"tained by the postoffices. The high
"toman values are really receipts for
"money paid in; they are pasted on
"money orders and sent to the paying
"office, where the receiver cashes
"them in."

Casual Notes on Divers Fiscal Stamps. *» »*

It is small wonder that fiscal stamps are gaining in popularity among collectors, for the field is full of fascination. A large and well ordered collection of revenue stamps seldom fails to interest even the rankest Philistine for whom postage stamps often have little charm: the large size, elaborate engraving, rich colors and high face values of so many fiscals usually attract attention. Likewise is the collector well repaid in their collection, for this field is still full of surprises and no end of discoveries remain to be made.

These notes chronicle no discoveries, but merely draw your attention to certain points in my foreign revenues which may perhaps interest you, dear reader, in their collection. Take the matter of languages. Postage stamp collectors have, of course, the quadrilingual stamps of Eastern Roumelia under Turkish government: then there are also the bilingual stamps of Belgium: certain issues of Switzerland, of Finland, of Turkey, of Persia, of Egypt, and others too numerous to mention here. But the fiscalist can also produce multilingual stamps, though less numerous, as most revenues serve only within the country of their issue and thus have less occasion for foreign inscriptions. The stamps of Bosnia and the Herzegovina are an example. The postage stamps bear no inscription whatever, so as not to offend the susceptibilities of any one of the many races mixed up in this interesting corner of the globe: the fiscals evade the difficulty by the opposite expedient: putting on the stamps as many different inscriptions as their size will permit. The two issues of 1879 bear only two inscriptions, one in Bosnian and one in Turkish. The issue of 1886 bears three of them: one in Bosnian, one in Turkish, and one in

Servian. Surely that ought to be sufficient. The idea ought to be adopted for the revenue stamps of Austria proper: it might tend to assuage the conflict of languages raging there. By the way, the 1879 issues of Bosnia plainly show a desire to imitate the design of the Turkish revenue stamps which had been current there before its occupation by the Austrians after the Berlin Congress: Compare them with the 1875 and 1879 issues of Turkish fiscals. The latter issues of Turkey are nearly all bilingual like the postage stamps. French is the other language here also. These later designs seem to have been drawn by the same artist who designed the two last issues of postage stamps for Turkey: they show the same excessive arabesque ornamentation with very small inscriptions and figures of value. Another bilingual country is Finland. The 1866 and 1883 issues show both Finnish and Swedish inscriptions, but no Russian whatever. I presume that Russian oppression has now changed all that, and foisted Russian fiscals on unhappy Finland same as it has done for its postage stamps. The same change as has come over the postage stamps of Belgium in late years is also apparent on its revenue stamps. The older issues are worded entirely in French, but with the gradual gain in preponderance of Flemish it has made its appearance on the fiscal stamps of late years also. On the poster stamps (affiches) the change was made in 1886: On the bill stamps in 1891. Bilingual inscriptions are also found on some of the Swiss Cantonal fiscals—Biel (Bienne) in the French part of Bern comes to my mind^{at} this writing—and on various Eastern issues like those of Siam, some of the Indian Feudatory States,^{and} and some Persian stamps, also the Egyptian Salt Tax stamps. No doubt there are others which I do not remember just now.

It is of special interest to the collect-

or in looking over his stamps to trace the same design in various adaptations from one country to the other. Thus the Servian fiscals of 1891 (arms in circle figure of value in large tablet below) are almost an exact copy of the French "Quittances, Recus et Decharges" issue of 1881, except that the French head of liberty has been replaced by the Servian double-headed eagle. Similarly the Belgian "Affiches" fiscals of 1876 and 1886 are fairly close copies of the French "Dimension" stamps of 1872, while this in turn is merely an adaptation of the French newspaper stamps, familiar to all collectors. Other French types have been imitated elsewhere. Thus the French "Effets de commerce" issues of 1864 (Napoleon) and 1872 (star) have been quite closely imitated in the "Statistische Gebuehr stamps" of the German Empire of 1880 (except for the large figure in the center) and in the Portuguese "IMPOSTO de SELLO" issue of 1868 (here the head is replaced by the arms.) The "Plakzegel" issues of the Netherlands, issues 1870 to 1883, are another adaptation of this design, also with arms replacing the head. The French issue of 1874 with inscription "Enregt. Timbre Domez" and group (Commerce and Abundance) at the top has also found imitators. One is the fiscal set of Monaco issued in 1888: the arms of the principality with supporters replace the allegorical group. By the way, the two monks as supporters and the motto Deo Juvante (by the aid of God) strike one rather oddly when one remembers that Monaco lives almost entirely on the revenue derived from the gambling den at Monte Carlo. Another imitation, though less plainly so, is found in the Swedish fiscals of 1882: The arms here also take the place of the group. The excessively plain "Effet de Commerce" issue of Belgium dating from 1857

forms the basis of a number of imitations, more or less close. Somewhat more elaborate than the original, is the issue of Luxemborg 1867. Then the same idea was utilized by a number of Swiss Cantons for their fiscals: they all bear a certain family resemblance. Two such are the "Actes Administratifs" and "Effets de Commerce" issues of Valais (or Wallis,) dating from 1875 and 1870 respectively. Another is the 1875 issue of Luzerne, still another the 1865 issue for the various "Bureaux de Enregistrement" of the canton of Fribourg (or Freiburg), and still another the 1865 issue of Geneva. Several Swiss cantonal fiscals are embossed and in their get-up remind one strongly of the postage set of Switzerland. These postage stamps were first printed at Muenchen (Bavaria) by the same establishment then printing the stamps of Bavaria: it is possible that these fiscals came from the same firm. One such is the 1862 "Timbre de Commerce" set of Freiburg: another the Genevan fiscals of 1860: another the 1855 issue of Ticino (or Tessin), and still another the 1864 "Effets de Commerce" set of Vaud (or Waadt). The canton of Basel-Stadt in its 1884 issue for "Obligationen & Actien-Stemple" has also borrowed the design, but this time from the familiar German "Wechselstempel" of 1882 (arms in left upper corner)

The long Foreign Bill stamps of Great Britain have several counterparts in the fiscals of other countries. The long "Imposto de Sello" set of Portugal issued in 1864 and the Italian "Marca de Bollo" set of the same year are both not exactly copies of the British Bill stamps, but still show an unmistakable family likeness, which is not surprising considering that they were all made by the same firm, De la Rue & Co., of London. This same

family likeness is traceable through all the fiscals coming from this firm including those of India, Cape of Good Hope and other colonies, as well as other fiscals of Italy.

Other Italian fiscals, e. g. the long stamps of 1865 with head of Victor Emanuel, the smaller stamps of the same year also bearing the King's head, and the Sardinian "Passaporto" set of 1858, show by their embossing and general execution that they came from the establishment of Signor Mattraire who printed the Sardinian and early Italian postage stamps.

The control stamps printed by the Spanish Sociedad del Timbre in 1875 and 1878 show by their splendid line engraving that they came from the workshops of the American Bank Note Co. of New York. Outside of these, Spanish fiscals are in a class by themselves, resembling no others under the sun. The labels figuring as Spanish fiscals from 1877 to the present year should properly be placed in poster collections.

Another case of family resemblance is found between the fiscals of Bulgaria and those of Russia: compare for instance the Bulgarian sets of 1879 and 1889 with the Russian fiscals of 1875. The resemblance here is also explained by the fact that all of these come from the same establishment, the Russian Government printing office. This establishment also printed the Bulgarian postage stamps at that period, and these show the same resemblance to the Russian postage stamps.

The work of this establishment, by the way, is simply superb, and the Russian fiscals, e. g. the large tobacco stamps of 1871, are amongst the most gorgeous of our collections; the pages devoted to them in the albums are sure to attract the eye of even a non-collector.

These few casual observations draw attention only to some peculiarities of design in revenue stamps. Much more might be written on the same subject and still more on the absorbing subject of the taxes represented by them and the historical interest possessed by many of them: I hope to take up these subjects at a later opportunity. Meanwhile I hope that these few notes may serve to call the attention of such readers as do not yet collect fiscals, to the charms of this branch of philately.

The above won the prize of 1,000 Var. of fiscal stamps offered by J. H. Peterson for the best notes on fiscal stamps. Awarded by committee of The Philatelic Fiscal Society.

Raymond Wilcox, Secy.

Age does not make a stamp valuable. The first one-penny red, issued by Great Britain in 1840, is still a very common stamp, because it continued its use for many years, and millions of them were printed. Scarcity is the keynote of value. Stamps whose issues have been limited as to number and time of service are naturally scarce, and therefore become valuable for the simple reason that there are not enough to go around among the stamp collectors who want them. A stamp issued today that for some reason is withdrawn soon after issue is as likely to become rare and valuable as the old ones. Like everything else, it is the supply and demand which regulates the price of postage stamps.

A Collecting Animal.

London Globe.

It is an astounding thing that so many people should care to spend their money on stamps as to make such forgeries, which are continually appearing, worth while. After all, man is not badly defined as a collecting animal; and stamps are as harmless as anything else.

Clippings From The Foreign Press

Because of the depreciation of silver in Siam 14 atts are now equal to 25 centimes, which has brought about a readjustment of the postal tariff. According to the Bang Kok Times the present values, 10, 12 and 24 atts will be suppressed and new stamps issued of 6, 14, 28 atts. Postal cards of 6 and 12 atts will replace those of 4 and 8 atts.
—L'Annouce Timbr.

The government of Fiji announces that it still has the following stock of V. R. stamps on hand:

1c	2,187
2d	31,000
2½d	14,012
4d	14,014
5d	10,857
6d	16,238
1sh	29,225
5sh	312

—Szek Briefm Verk

Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo Postal has an interesting article on Dominican errors from which I quote as follows:

"In the 1885 issue we were two errors—the 2c in place of carmine is dark brown, and the 10c in place of orange is chocolate; these errors seem to be very rare and we have them only in possession of Sr. Luis Molina.

(Is it not possible that these are only color changelings? It seems odd that they should never have been heard from before this).

"In the 1895 issue we know of none. In the Columbian issue (1899) there are no errors but some rarities, viz.: of the 2c red I have some sheets which were crossed by a line of perforations about the middle of the stamp; the other is in the 10c and is this—that in some sheets the middle

"stamp in a strip of three is inverted "(tete-beche.) In the map issue (1901) there are the following. The 2c we have seen with center inverted, that is "with the map reversed; the 5c with "inscription 'Mar Caribe' to the north "of the island and 'Atlantico' to the "south of the map. The 20c we have "seen in the rose instead of the choco- "late; the 50c we have seen with the "four numerals correct, but the value "expressed in words reads 'Cinco Cen- "tavos' instead of 'cincuenta centavos'. "In the commemorative issue, 1902, "there are really two sets, not one, "one being imperforate; there are "moreover inverted centers of the 1.2 "and 5c."

"The catalogues it is but fair to say, do not take much stock in some of these errors.

The Spanish paper, El Filatelico Espanol has almost entirely joined the ranks of the fiscalists. In No. 36 it continues its admirable documentary study of the Impuesto de Guerra stamp of Spain. If only all fiscal issues could be treated in this exhaustive fashion! There remains much to be done in this regard. Four pages of of the Spanish revenue catalogue accompany each number of this paper.

A long story and interesting clipping is reprinted from El Paraguay, a paper published at Asuncion, in which it is announced that the Paraguayan postal officials would shortly surcharge the 60 and 30 centavos to serve as 1 and 5 centavos respectively. The paper takes the government to task for its surcharge mania and very sensibly proposes the issue of a new set, from 1 centavo to 10 pesos to be properly engraved and printed in quantities sufficient to last at least 4 or 5 years. It is significant that the paper lays special stress on the attitude of us stamp people towards the late Paraguayan issues and emphasizes the the necessity of gaining our lost confidence.

A History of The Post-office ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

By *Verna Weston Honway*

The post office is the one department with which the majority of people in the United States come in contact with the Government. Very few of the citizens of the republic, when our eighty millions is considered, have ever had the remotest connection with any of the other eight departments presided over by members of the president's cabinet.

When it comes to the postoffice department the matter is entirely different. We all know the postmaster, the delivery clerk, and with what anxiety we often wait for the appearance of the letter carrier. A change in president is not likely to affect us individually, but a change in postmaster in a small town is liable to mean much to the patrons of the office.

The development of the wonderful system by which we can drop a letter costing us two cents into a box and walk away, knowing that the letter will go safely half around the world and reach the person for whom it is intended without any further concern of ours, is the story of a growth that reaches back beyond the dawn of history.

Long before men were able to read and write, messengers went with verbal communications, but the first messages containing the germ of the modern postal system were tokens which would be recognized as coming from the sender, and would convey a certain meaning previously agreed upon. At first a special envoy would go from sender to receiver, but in the course of time the messenger began to appoint someone for the latter part of the journey.

This brings us to the beginning of the postal system, the chief feature being the carrying of mails in relays from "post to post."

How this plan was gradually revolved may be inferred. A man wishing to have a letter carried beyond the limits of the first messenger would dispute the latter the task of finding a messenger to carry the letter farther. The letter might be given to yet a third, the latter depending on the receiver for his reward. Thus in time these hardy rumors came to organize themselves along certain routes.

As governments came to be established, it became necessary for rulers to communicate with their deputies in various parts of their dominions, and royal couriers were chosen to make regular trips, carrying their ruler's commands and bringing back the replies. Very quickly these trusted servants came to see the opening for making an honest penny for themselves by carrying unauthorized private messages. Here we come to where the ruler, learning of this trick, appropriates the revenues to himself. Here we have the actual beginning of the post office, where the governments begin to put a finger in the pie. As early as the thirteenth century well defined routes were established in Europe.

In 1635 British patrons of the existing postal system made journal complaints of the slowness of the mail system, urging with what seems good reason, that two months was too long a time to wait for an answer from Scotland and Ireland. Soon a weekly service was established on eight mail lines reaching to all parts of the kingdom. The plan of those days was to make the postal revenues as large as possible for the use of the king and his favorites. Shameful violation of the mail was a common thing for the discovery of political secrets.

(To be continued)

Requiescat In Pace

By Herman W. Boers.

The article regarding an identification button which appeared in the January number of the WEST is very creditable except the suggestion to have Victoria's head in the center. This is something that the average collector will object to. Collectors that are American don't want to wear the Queen's head no more than an Englishman would wear the American flag or the German the Chinese dragon. What we want is a Universal Button that can be worn by anyone.

The suggestion made some time ago by L. G. Dorpat is perhaps as good a one as can be gotten up. The word "Philos' Atelic," together with a suitable design and our colors would make a good showing.

Says F. E. Halbert: H Button (call it something else if you like) would be a stamp collectors wireless telegraphy.

By a button I mean a small, neat one costing perhaps 50c. When a button is worn and philatelists know what it stands for, it will tend toward an introduction that otherwise would perhaps would never come.

You readers know, well as I do, in ordinary walks of life one meets with strangers daily, and amongst them are collectors, but unbeknown to each other, simply because there is no means of identification.

"Who would be ashamed to wear such an emblem?" asked one writer. "Are the Odd Fellows ashamed of the links, the Mason of his square and compass?" Well hardly! They are a class of people that are proud to show their colors. Have you ever noticed when two members meet, total strangers at first, how friendly they get at once, sociably ets?

Well why should we not show our

colors and fellowship to each other.

Take the colleges, schools, social clubs and societies all have their little design of identification, and here is philately with its thousands of collectors and nothing to show for our hobby.

In the closing remark Mr. Halbert says: "Just whoop it up for an emblem, decide on a committee to choose a design etc. Now what particular stress all this writing and whooping her up has on all the collectors remains to be seen. I went over the same thing for months. I kept on hammering, but the more I hammered the deafer the collector got. I even got as far as 20 collectors together who were willing to put \$1.00 each toward the first lot of buttons and solicited through the WEST and Mekeels weekly for more names to help it along, but what were the results? None; the collectors could not see their way clear in the matter and it was dropped cold, yet strange that such a body of collectors could not be brought together, but it looks as if it was the dollar that caught them. I presume if one could be gotten up as a premium with a package of stamp hinges, perhaps if, would meet with a ready sale; but as long as the interest is not displayed a button will not come so requiescat in pace.

\$11,250,000.00 For Stamps Last Year

(LIVERPOOL (ENGLAND) MERCURY)

It has been calculated that, last year, the money spent on the purchase of rare stamps amounted to 2¼ millions sterling, and the collections of some of the leaders of the art represent as substantial a fortune as many picture galleries or libraries.

Each time the true philatelist adds a stamp to his collection, he adds to the interest for himself.

Here and There in the Philatelic and Curio World. ♪ ♪ ♪

By V. W. Hanway.

Wolle, the stamp faker, currency raiser, forger and all around swindler, has been at it again. His operations however, have been nipped in the bud by his arrest in Boston March 12th. On the 14th he was arraigned before the United States Commissioner as a Federal prisoner, charged with having counterfeit postage stamps in his possession. He pleaded guilty and was held in \$7,500, for his appearance on March 54th. The case was postponed until that date by request of Assistant U. S. District Attorney who proposes to summon witnesses from out of town.

From Lebanon Penna. comes the following story: A laborer sold a medal of peculiar design to a jeweler of this city a few weeks since. An investigation revealed that the medal was awarded to C. F. Pitcher by Dickinson College in 1847 as a token of merit for oratory, and was stolen from Mr. Pitcher's widow about sixteen years ago. The man who sold it explained that he found it in a cigar box under a shanty recently razed on the outskirts of the city. Dr. J. C. Gleim, a brother-in-law of Mr. Pitcher, has purchased the medal.

Dr. William S. Forbes, professor of surgical anatomy at Jefferson College, who lives at 901 Pine Street, Philadelphia, is the possessor of a Washington wineglass, which, he says, is probably one of the best known pieces of Washingtonia in existence to-day.

Of this notable glass Dr. Forbes gives the following history: It was made in Holland for the Washingtons and bears the well known griffin and

rose in full bloom with stem and leaves, parts of their coat of arms. It stands 5¼ inches high and the bowl holds two ounces or four tablespoonsful.

Running up the inside stem of the glass is a twisted piece of white material supposedly clouded glass, over which is a smooth transparent glass.

The glass was taken from Holland to Yorkshire, England, and was brought to Virginia from that family seat of the Washingtons, in 1657, by Colonel John Washington, the great grandfather of General Washington, a colonel in Prince Rupert's army. The glass was used on feast days and celebrations by the Washington family, both in Yorkshire and Virginia and was a prominent feature at the christening of George Washington at the family dinner given by Mrs. Mildred Washington Gregory, the aunt and godmother of General Washington on the 5th of April, 1732. At this historic dinner it was from this wineglass that Augustin Washington, the father of George Washington, not only drank, but with it proposed long life, success and happiness for his son "George."

In later years it was used by General Washington himself at a dinner given to him in Fredericksburg, Va., when he stopped to see his mother soon after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorkstown in October, 1781.

During the period from 1732, the year of the christening and the dinner after the fall of the English forces in America in 1781, the glass was continuously used on state occasions in West Moreland County, the birthplace of General Washington, and in Stafford county, opposite Fredericksburg, on the Rappahannock River where Mrs. Martha Washington resided.

This relic descended from Mrs. Mildred Washington Gregory to Dr. Forbes, her great-great grandson.

The only occasion on which this

glass has ever been out of the possession of Dr. Forbes, who came into possession of it in 1839, was when General Lucius H. Warren took it to the centennial celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill in Boston, Mass., in 1875, at the time of the unveiling of the Bunker Hill Monument.

The probable final resting place of this glass will be at Mt. Vernon, where, at the present time, the only suit of clothes in existence that General Washington wore was deposited by the late John Murray Forbes, of Innes Hill, Fauquier County, Va., the eldest brother of Dr. Forbes.

Miss Sue Sutherland, a teacher in the city schools at Owensboro, Ky., is using the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Map, issued by the World's Fair at St. Louis as supplemental matter before her pupils. The purchase of the Louisiana territory, which now embraces about one-third of the total area of the entire United States was one of the most interesting acts in American history, and a school child of to-day takes kindly to any instruction along this line, because so many of them contemplate visiting the exposition at St. Louis next year, which is to commemorate this event.

The perfume woods and plants of the Phillipine Islands will be shown at the World's Fair in a special collection.

One sees a great many articles on philately in non-philatelic journals these days. The time was when philately was recognized merely as a school boy pastime and what few articles appeared on the subject were relegated to the "children's department." A very good article appeared in "Pearson's Weekly" a short time ago, on "Little Nations that Live on the Sale of Postage Stamps." The article is very well planned and very

well written. It contains a full history of speculative issues. The paragraphs on the Leebeck issues are especially interesting and contain much sense.

From casual excavations made in northern Arizona, it is believed that region has a buried city, an American Pompeii.

Inscription Rock, which marks the site of a precious spring in the desert of western New Mexico, has engraved on its face the names and deeds of the old Spanish commanders who passed that way. The story of their wanderings and adventures is a romance.

In an article on "Condition" Meekels Stamp Collector says: "The mass of stamps are in good average condition. If we cannot obtain the golden apples of Hesperides, shall we refuse to taste the fruit that grows in more accessible gardens?"

Bandolier and Loomis declare that the Pueblos are descendants of the ancient Cliff-Dwellers whose ruined homes are found scattered over the southwest. Of the later ruins which have aroused much interest are those of Pecos in northeastern New Mexico and the Casa Grande of Arizona.

A footless race of men is said to have been discovered in New Guinea. They live in the midst of lakes, moving about in little canoes and possessing a few cabins built on wood piles. Their feet are so undeveloped as to be practically useless for walking.

Prismatic Lake in the Yellowstone park is the largest body of hot water in the world.

At the Chicago postoffice a record is kept of the different ways of spelling the name of that city on mail addresses. At last accounts 287 varieties have been tabulated. Among the least intricate of these are, Zizazo, Jagjago, Hipaho, Jajijo and Chachicho.

Button v. Emblem.

By T. K. Burrow.

I cannot but think that the method pursued by those interested in the button is radically wrong in inception; their whole aim seems to be to put the cart before the horse, in other words, a button at any price. One writer asks "Do the Masons or Odd Fellows, mentioning others also, regard his button or Emblem, so and so." I say No! Absolutely no! Not in that particular sense the article conveys, caustic or not. It is the order to which he belongs and not the emblem he is attached to and each upward move is proclaimed by an additional sign of his progress. It is the society and not the badge they love. Thus with our hobby we have just as much right to sign for the same, only I differ from others in the method advanced for getting one. If one thing is at all apparent it is that Philately is not organized the sense of an order such as those mentioned.

Each society could have its own club emblem. but the cry was for a universal one recognized by all. Now how are you going to do this? certainly not by getting a few names at \$1.00 apiece for the making of buttons. What will they represent when made? Nothing, "only buttons and nothing more." Can this be the way to promulgate the universe button? Surely not. First get a National one and let the universal one take care of itself or get down to where you really belong, the more limited space and get one for each society; that is easy of accomplishment.

The WEST in its recent issues made many errors. The letters were N. P. U. A. and not N. P. N. A. as printed, to wit: National Philatelic Union America. What became of the so called

subscription list at \$1.00 each for buttons? Has this done anything? No! Simply because there was nothing to back it only the button, and they are advertised in the WEST at 10c each. It was suggested that a 10c collector would not be apt to buy a 50c button: maybe not, but I venture the assertion it would be just such as this would be proud to spend 4 bits for a button, because unable to appreciate fully a 50c stamp.

There is a deplorable decadence among stamp collectors, that is, among purely philatelic lines even in the societies. See the A. P. A. year book: what effect there is being made to bring out the very best in the members themselves, and for what purpose? Simply to raise the Standard of Philatelist above being mere accumulalora of stamps. Nothing of any importance has been suggested so far.

I advocate the National idea in August and later suggested the Philatelic for the center. Now let us have a meeting of those interested in the button or emblem idea to form a Union. I will be one of 10 to subscribe \$10.00 more apiece if needed to charter and meet this summer in St. Louis, enjoy the fair with its new issue of stamps and start under the fairest of auspices the national Union of American Philatelists and let the matter of buttons, emblems or anything else for that matter visit until some formation has been assured. I shall be in Europe until August and can be in St. Louis any time that month after the 15th.

The older issues have been so thoroughly studied and collected that there is now small probability of many discoveries which will set values soaring, but with the stamps of the new century there are fascinating possibilities of short-lived issues and varieties which may prove to be great rarities.

Washington Notes

The designs of the St Louis stamps have been fully described before. The first order sent to the bureau of engraving and printing called for:

1 cent.....	90,000,000
2 "	225,000,000
3 "	7,500,000
5 "	9,500,000
10 "	6,500,000

They will be placed on sale on May 1. and will continue on sale during the Exposition. Of course they are good for postage for any time.

The size of this issue brings to mind the words of Senator Wolcott anent the Columbian issue, on the floor of the U. S. Senate, January 21, 1893:

"I am at a loss to understand why the Columbian stamps were ever manufactured. I find by referring to the annual report of the Postmaster General that he expects to receive a million and a half extra profit out of these stamps by selling them to stamp collectors. That is a trick which some of the little Central American states do sometimes. When they are short a few thousand dollars they get up a new stamp and sell it to stamp collectors all over the world and get money for it. It seems to me Mr. President this is too great a country to subject 60,000,000 to the inconvenience of using this big concern in order that we may unload a cruel and unusual stamp upon stamp collectors."

The press announcement of the Louisiana stamp states:

"It is not generally known that a special issue of postage stamps is a fine investment for the government. The profit comes from the fact that philatelists buy as many of the new issue as they can carry and hold them for the certain rise that is sure to come when the issue is exhausted. These stamps therefore are not used and the government having sold them at their face value profits accordingly, the only cost being the value of the paper, the "glue," the printing and the ink. Many thousands of dollars were made by the government during the run of the Pan-American stamps."

Collectors of fiscals will be interested in the following:

"Ecuador—In accordance with the decree of July 1, 1903 on and after the 8 day of August, 1903 in the department of Tegucigalpa, and on and after the first day of September 1903 in all the other departments, there shall only be used, in conformity with the law of stamped paper and revenue stamps, such stamps as are countermarked with series of circles interlacing long pointed stars, the designs to vary in color according to denomination according to the stamp. The use of stamps not countermarked shall be held as counterfeiting."

Congressman Shafroth has again introduced his resolution, "to secure the gold supply of the world for coinage purposes:" In other words, to prohibit the use of gold for jewelry and other "unnecessary" purposes.

The postmaster general again calls attention to the use of the "Phillipine" stamp in the United States mails, and directs that letters bearing these stamps shall be forwarded straight to the dead letter office as unmailable.

I turned it over: it was an old stamp catalogue published at Brussels in 1850, and was included with a lot of old stamp literature I had just purchased. The cover was shabby, but the interior of the work struck me as being singularly comprehensive for its early date of issue. I marvelled and wondered. I found several leaves stuck together and opened them: there were sheets and sheets of unused stamps in mint state, mostly numeral and early head issues of Hawaii. What a find! The panes however were differently arranged to those known at the present day.

I roughly estimated their value at \$25,000.00. While musing thusly I heard a rap at my door, and a familiar voice saying, "Your hot water, sir." Cursed illusion! I woke from my sleep a sadder but wiser man.

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Married Through Stamps

By C. Grandpierre
St. Louis, Mo.

My uncle, whose name I will not mention, his wife and children being still living, was, some twenty years ago, one of the leading stamp dealers in Europe. He began business in young years, believing in the future of philately, with a small capital which enabled him to buy for cash "even the greatest rarities" but which to-day would hardly be sufficient to buy a small quantity of medium rare stamps.

Soon after the French-German war he transferred his business from his Swiss native town to the at that time capital of "Philately" Paris, but for several years his beloved stamps brought him nearer to the edge of ruin than to the summit of fortune. How, through peculiar circumstances, his business begun to prosper rapidly, is a story known to few.

Amongst others my uncle, (I shall name him Mr. X) was in regular correspondence with a well known American exporter of stamps, from which he received often large sendings. Amid the stamps of one of those consignments, X was not little intrigued to find a slip of paper on which the following lines were written in a fairly good French: "I am a young girl experienced in stamp business. I would accept engagement by European dealer, catholic and unmarried. Very low salary required. Would pay my own fare, write to —."

More for curiosity's sake than with the intention to engage the girl, X answered this novel "private" advertisement and finally, he did not know how it came, engaged her.

From the time of her arrival business began to brighten up in an un-hoped for manner. Almost every stamp he offered for sale in advertisement was sold immediately. The American girl became his right arm

and proved to be a valuable acquisition.

All went well until through an apparently unpardonable fault his treasure of an assistant nearly lost her position. It happened that one day X reopened a parcel, ready to be mailed to a new customer, which had been prepared by the girl. Instead of stamps X found, to his stupefaction, that the parcel contained only waste paper. The poor American girl received more than an ordinary scolding and was not instantly dismissed only on account of her great punctuality, and probably because her employer felt for his beautiful employe already more than an ordinary liking. He had loved her from the first.

His surprise had not come to an end yet. A few weeks after this incident a communication from his American correspondent apprised him that it had just transpired that the "poor American girl" he had taken in his employ, was not poor at all, but the well known Miss —, hidden under a nom de guerre, who had disappeared soon after her education in a Canadian-French convent and who, when come to age, would have at her disposal a very large estate. The missive added that Miss —, had always been afraid to be married more for her money than for herself and that she had hoped to find, in her disguise, the man of her choice who would marry her as a "poor American girl." My uncle was confidentially advised not to miss this splendid occasion.

Of course he did not miss it, but not as his correspondent suggested. He acted as every honest man should have acted. She was called in his private office and informed that her services were no longer required. He communicated to her the contents of the letter he had just received and reproached her that she had deceived him. He owned that he had loved her from the day of her arrival, but that

her deception having shown her suspicious character and as he disliked nothing more in the world than lack of frankness, they had nothing to do but to part forever.

They parted, but not forever. Love was stronger than his principles. They married a few weeks later.

Only after his marriage my uncle learned how his business became all at once so prosperous. Three fourths of the stamps he had sold during the past months were still in the possession of his wife. She had as "poor girl" the will and the means to help him and found no better way to do it discretely, than to invent daily new names and new addresses from which orders fairly rained.

They lived happily together for years. He preceded her in the tomb. She is still living on her country seat in Switzerland. According to his and her wishes, their splendid complete collection of partly specialized Europa will, at her demise be presented to the historical museum of my native town.

"The benefit of philately as an educational force cannot be fully estimated. It is a great teacher of history, for on the stamps of nations are depicted their illustrious men, important events and forms of government, making the collection of the true philatelist reveal as much history to him as the profound student of history obtains from his books. It is a well-known fact that history is so interwoven with the study of geography that to study one means to study the other. Therefore, if, in the study of stamps, historical truths are made known, geographical facts must also be necessarily expounded. Naturally the collector will inquire, as each stamp is added to his collection, about the country from which it came, its location, population, government and the commercial and political standing among the countries of the world." M. C. Runyan, Jr., ex president Trenton V. M. C. A. philatelic society.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Rhode Island Philatelic society, the oldest stamp organization in continual existence in the U. S. celebrated Lincoln's birthday by holding its 19th meeting and banquet, Friday evening, Feb. 12, in the Gelbs parlor's, Providence. There was a large attendance of professional and business men of the city, who enjoyed an excellent banquet.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres., Frank M. Mason; vice. pres., Edwin L. Mathewsen; sec. and treas., W. Irving Coz; librarian, Alfred Dawson. Executive committee—Webster Knight, George A. Streeter and Dr. S. A. Welch. Exchange Mgr.—Walter Lassell.

Mr. Putney of Boston exhibited a fine collection of stamps which were greatly admired.

Portugal has a stamp representing the birth of St. Anthony, in 1195. A special set was issued in 1895, supposed to be scenes in the life of St. Anthony. On the back of one of these stamps will be found a sentence in Latin, which, translated means: 'O blessed tongue that has always blessed the Lord and taught others to bless him; now is it clearly seen of how much merit thou hast been before God.'

It is astonishing what one can learn in the way of history from a small assortment of foreign stamps. Take Cuba: Here is one with the head of the old King of Spain; one later has a picture of the Baby King, and one still later with the words "Cuba de Peso" printed across the face. Could the story of the Spanish-American War and the independence of Cuba be told more cleverly. France shows, too, her change from an empire to a republic.

Items of Philatelic Nature.

By Henry Herbert Huff.

I think my method of collecting original covers so good that I will mention it to the WEST readers. As there is no very serviceable album made for original covers I think it especially meritorious. I purchased a number of plain white pasteboard boxes, each of a size, sufficiently large enough to contain my largest letters, and about one inch high. To each of the largest and most important countries, I assigned one box, writing the name of the country upon it. Of the less important countries I placed the cards of three or four in a single box. In this method, I think I have devised one of the most convenient receptacles for original covers as the covers of any desired country can be very readily examined, new specimens added when wished and others removed. I also purchased a large box sufficiently large to comfortably house the smaller boxes, when not in use, are placed in this large box and the name of the country whose covers each contain being written on the ends, any desired box may be removed without molesting the others.

It is surprising to what a degree of detail philatelic study is carried on. The advanced collectors are trying to learn all there is to learn about the stamps that have been issued and are succeeding so well that some people are beginning to wonder what the philatelic writers of the future will find to talk about.

It is beginning to look as though the future will be able to start a collection at a much lower figure than we did. One thousand variety packets were, a

few years ago, selling for \$4.00; a short time ago they were reduced to \$3.00 and now an eastern dealer sells them for only \$2.00. In like manner the price of pound lots of stamps has been reduced in past years that, should it continue present rate, some one prophesies that the future collector will be buying them for a little above the cost of the paper.

The fact that the technical words of philately are making their way into the dictionary and that the government is inviting collectors to express their opinion on stamp matters goes to show that stamp collecting is winning itself in the world.

The laws are very strict relative to manufacturing money. Uncle Sam reserves the right exclusively to do that. But we have a scheme that beats the whole thing. Get a good article that the people want, write a good pulling ad, insert it in the WEST, write good follow up letters and literature and you can make money that Uncle Sam will never complain against.

Collections of unused stamps are much handsomer than collections of the same stamps used. Collectors need not fear that they will have reprints or forgeries sold to them, for this is not done at the present time by reputable dealers, great care being taken by all to prevent anything from getting into their stocks. There are many varieties of stamps, also, which can not be secured in used condition, and it is therefore, possible to make a larger collection, as well as a better looking one, by collecting unused as well as used specimens. Do not, young collector, think that because a foreign stamp has not been cancelled it is not genuine.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Germany's first fiscal stamp Journal, "Die Stempelmark," was born with the New Year.

As an instance of the speculative control of many surcharges, we may mention the fact that out of 250,000 surcharged stamps of Straits Settlements, 230,000 were purchased by a dealer.

An absurd suggestion has been reported by newspaper correspondents from Washington for a special stamp for the benefit of the Baltimore fire sufferers.

In many of the foremost public museums of Europe will be found more or less extensive collections of the postage stamps of the world.

Stamp collecting is said to be more popular in Germany than in any other country.

George Duck of Pittsburg owns the largest collection of precanceled in world. Mr. Duck is closely followed by F. L. Smith of New York in this contest.

Perhaps the finest collection known is in the possession of the British museum and valued at \$200,000.

There is a postal museum in Vienna. It is located in the Prater, which is considered one of the finest public

parks in Europe. The museum contains a good stamp collection.

Various German cities have issued local stamps. Bergedorf, Berlin, Brunswick, Chemnitz, Cologne, Dresden, Frieberg, Frankfurt Hamburg, Hanover, Heidelberg, Leipzig, Metz, Stutgard and Wiesbaden are among the number.

During the past year nearly eleven million pounds of mail matter were sent from the United States to foreign countries.

A set of New Zealand stamps has been surcharged for use in the Island of Mangaia. The island is the most southerly of the Cook group. It has an area of thirty square miles and rises to a height of about 650 feet. The population is about 1,551, which includes ten Europeans. Passengers and cargoes of steamers have to be landed in canoes on account of the high cliff about the island. Cocanuts, coffee, oranges and banannas are the principal products. A postmaster for the island has just been appointed by the New Zealand Government. There is communication by steamer once a month, and occasionally by sailing vessels.

One of the members of the Springfield Stamp club, J. W. Provost has recently built a new home. The fact in itself is not an unusual occurrence, but most philatelists will be interested in the den. Mr. Provost has litterally papered the wall of his den with stamps. For the most part United States 2-cent reds and the 15 centimes blue of France have been used. Different designs have been made with the stamps. About 140,000 stamps were used, of that number 35,000 decorate the ceiling.

Revenue Stamps in Current Use.

B y A. R. B u t l e r.

The following list of internal revenue stamps in use at the present time was made up to aid in the arrangement of a collection from information given by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The phrase "revenue stamp" as used in the publications of the Treasury Department is very broad, covering anything which indicates a payment of a charge of compliance with a requirement imposed by the Internal Revenue Laws. There are really two classes, revenue stamps for attachment to the good as understood by the collector, and licenses of permits, which are issued in book form, and as we understand it are not "stamps" at all. The two classes have been separated in the lists. There are very possibly errors, as the information in many cases was vague, but it is hoped that careful compilation will avoid criticism.

The subheads "small" "sheet" under tobacco goods are term used by the department. Each quantity, of course has a different stamp.

CLASS I.

Art	Quantities	No of stps to sheet	Series of
Beer Hogshead	1-8,1-6,1-4,1-3,1-2,1 bbl	20	1902
Prepared			
Smoking opium	4,8,16 oz	5	1891
Playing cards manufg,stock	200		1894
Snuff			
Small	1-2,1 oz	196	1902
	1-2-3, 2 oz	108	1902
	2-1-2, 3 oz	100	1902
Strip	3 1-3,4,6,8 oz	20	1902
	16 ounce	10	1902
Sheet	1-2,1,2,3,4,5,lbs	12	
Tobacco			

Strip	1,12,3,2,2 1-2,3 1-3,4 oz	40	1902
	8, 18 oz	15	1902
Sheet	1-2,1,2,3,4, lbs	12	1902
Cigars	12,13,25,50,100	10	1901
	200,250,500	5	1901
(small)	10	10	1901
	20	80	1901
	50	12	1901
	100	10	1901
Cigarettes	10 (54c per M)	100	1901
	20 "	80	1901
strip	50 "	12	1901
"	100 "	10	1901
"	10 (\$1 08 per M)	100	1901
	20 "	80	1901
strip	50 "	12	1901
"	100 "	10	1901
	10 (\$3 per M)	70	1902
	20 "	70	1902
strip	50 "	12	1902
"	100 "	10	1902

There are two kinds of "stamps" that have positively no revenue significance, the Lock seals, series of 1875, printed in sheets of 20 stamps; and the Hydrometer seals, series of 1901, printed in sheets of 54 stamps.

The second class consists of those "stamps" which are bound in volumes, and which comprise many which are merely licenses in common nomenclature, though they represent the payment of an internal revenue tax as much as do the others. The following are the varieties of these:

CLASS II

Art. of Des.	Stps	Sheets	Series
	to	to	
	Sheet	Volume	
Tobacco(stub) 1 oz	4	80	1902
	5,10,20,30,40,50,		
	60 lbs	5	
Snuff(stub) 10,20 lb	5	80	"
Wholesale	5,10,20,30,		
Liquor	40,50,60,70,80,		
Dealer	90,100,110,		
	120,130 gal	3 100	1878

Imported	5, 10, 20, 30,				
Liquors	40, 50, 60, 70,				
	80, 90, 100, 110,				
	120 gals	3	100	1879	
Tax Paid	10, 20, 30, 40,				
	50, 60, 70, 80,				
	90, 100, 110, 120,				
	1130 gal	3	50	1894	
Rectifiers	5, 10, 20, 30, 40,				
	50, 60, 70, 80,				
	90, 100, 110,				
	120, 130 gal	4	25	1892	
Case Stamps					
Tax paid	1-10, 1-5, 1-2, 1pt	placed on			
	1 quarts	cases of dis-			
	1-5, 1-2 gal	tilled spirits			
		in bottles.			
Exportation	1-10, 1-5,	20 stamps to			
	1-2, 1 pt lqt	the volume			
	1-5, 1-2 gal	1897			
Oleomargarine	10, 20, 30,				
	without artificial				
	40, 50,				
	coloration stub	60, 70, 80, 90,			
		100 lbs	4	50	1902
Oleomargarine	10, 20, 30, 40,				
	stub	50, 60, 70, 80,			
		90, 100 lbs	4	50	"
Adulterated	10, 20, 30, 40,				
Butter stub	50, 60, 70, 80,				
		90, 100 lbs	4	50	"
Process or	10, 20, 30, 40, 50,				
	renovated	60, 70, 80, 90,			
	butter stub	100 lb	4	50	"
Filled	10, 20, 30, 40, 50,				
	cheese	60, 70, 80, 90,			
	stub	100 lbs	4	50	"
Art. of des.	Stps - Sheets,	series			
	to to	to to			
	Sheet Volume	Volume			
Rectifiers (less than	500 bbls)				
Rectifiers (500 bbls	or more)				
Wholesale liquor	dealers				
brewers (less than	500 bbls)				
Brewers (500 bbls or	more)				
Wholesale dealers	in malt liquors				
Retail dealers in	malt liquors				
Manufacturers of	Stills manufactured				
Worms manufactured	Wholesale dealers				
in filled cheese		1		30	
Manufacturers of					

filled cheese					
Manufacturers of					
mixed flour					
Wholesale dealers in					
oleomargarine					
without arti. col.					
Retail dealers in oleo.					
without arti. col.					
Wholesale dealers in					
oleomargarine					
Retail dealers in					
oleomargarine					
Manufacturers of					
oleomargarine					
Wholesale dealers					
adulterated butter					
Retail dealer					
adulterated butter					
Manufacturer					
adulterated butter					
Process or renovated					
butter					
Retail liquor dealer	2	50			
Export tobacco and snuff					1883
" cigars and cigarettes					1883
" fermented liquors					1891
" oleomargarine					1886
" distilled spirits					1878
" " " "	4	100			1899
Brewers permits					1878
Distillery Warehouse					1878
Speical Warehouse					1890
Rewarehousing					1890
General bonded warehouse					1890
" " " retransfer					1890
Transfer stamp for grape					
brandy	4	25			1890
Fortified sweet wine	4	50			1890
Export butter	4	?			?
Export fortified wine	4	?			?
The changing of the law in regard to the taxes on tobacco, snuff and beer left remainders of the 1892 and 1901 series in the hands of the Department, and these remainders have been surcharged (imprinted is the term used) "Series of 1902" on the following list of stamps:					
Tobacco					
Stub 1 oz, 30, 50, 60 lbs	Series	1898			im-
					printed
Strip 8, 16 oz	Series	1898			imprinted
					1902
Sheet 1, 2, 3, 4 lbs	Series	1898			imprinted
					1902
Strip 2, 3, 4, oz	Series	1901			imprinted
					1902
Snuff					
Stub 10, 20 lbs	"	1898			"
Strip 8, 16 oz	"	"			"
Sheet 1-2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, lbs	"	"			"
Small 1-2 oz	"	"			"
Beer Hogshead, 1-3, 1-6 barrell	Series				
					1901, imprinted

For each one of these titles there is one stamp for the special tax, series of 1902, and one for the special tax, series of 1903.

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A Few Reasons Why I Collect Stamps.

By Fred W. Schroeder, Jr

Often on a winters evening with my album before me and my philatelic treasures scattered upon the table about me, and engaged in sorting, arranging and hinging stamps in my album, I have been visited by one of my non-collecting friends and asked this question. "What do you intend to do with all these stamps and why do you collect them?" These are questions that have been asked almost every person that has ever owned a stamp collection no doubt. Some collectors give one reason and some another. When this question is asked me I answer "Because I like to, because I find it a pleasure, and because I find it restful relief after the fatigues and worries of the day's labors." The nerves and the brain, strained to their utmost tension, after the busy bustle of the days cares, demand nourishment to meet the demands made upon them. There are times when an altogether different line of thought does more to soothe the tired brain than sleep. Fortunate is the man, no matter in what walk of life he may be, business or professional, who has a collection of stamps to which he can turn and find the rest he seeks.

There are few things that are more fascinating than a neatly and carefully arranged collection of stamps, and which possess more interest for all lovers of the beautiful and curious. Philately was at one time known merely as a "fad" but the days of the "fad" are past and of late years it is known either as a hobby or a science. But that as it may. It is just what each individual makes it. Its field of opportunities for study and research are

unlimited and abundant. A clean and neatly arranged collection of stamps makes an attractive atlas of the world, and a history of the changes, both political and industrial, of nations and peoples. A collection possesses not only an educational value, but it also has a financial value.

Stamps must be studied like the stock broker or the merchant studies the market. The collector should know when, where and what to buy. He should study every stamp that passes through his hands. I have learned this much from experience and experience is a good teacher. Not long ago I was looking over my duplicates, and soaking the paper from a number of 1851-1860 3c rose, when I noticed that one of these looked rather peculiar. In the first place it was imperforated, and after I had removed the paper I discovered that the entire stamp was covered with embossing. I got out my catalogue and after careful examination I discovered that it was one of the rare 1867 on wove paper, imperforate, Scotts No. 7c and catalogued at \$50! Imagine how I felt. It is a beauty too, being only lightly cancelled. I then remembered having received it from an old postmaster, together with some other stamps when I first started to collect, about 10 years ago, and during all that time it had lain unnoticed among my duplicates.

Watch your stamps closely and you will add many a prize to your collection and if anyone asks you why you collect stamps, just tell them to start a collection and they won't need an answer.

An English paper describes the design used on some United States stamps: "5c 1890, Ulysses Simpson Grant, eighteenth President of America, a great fighter; took part in all the battles of the campaign and the capture of Mexico."

Collecting Unused Stamps. *My Favorite Country.*

By B. P. W A G N E R. By Lawrence M i m t z.

Collectors here and elsewhere should learn the value of collecting uncancelled stamps. The catalogues price these at double the cancelled and with the U. S. stamps at least you should if your means will warrant it get one stamp uncancelled of the entire issue and more emphatically so of such issues as the Pan-American Columbian and other issues. What a contrast are unused stamps to the ink besmeared cancelled ones. Always use the imported peelable hinges for mounting them in your album as this preserves the full gum. If foreign unused are wanted you can find plenty of names of foreign collectors in the exchange column of the WEST and you can have them buy them for you from dealers there add when wanted the current issue from their postmasters.

"It is very easy to tear down, but building up is slow work and the more imposing and lasting the structure the longer it is before any appreciable headway is made. A stamp collection is no exception to the rule, and he who would be the possessor of a beautiful collection should make it a rule to add something to his accumulation every day.

Hayti had a series of stamps all ready to put into circulation but like Servia because of a political change the stamps have really been defaced with surcharging before being placed on sale. The surcharge "Poste Paye" is crudely printed in two lines across the stamp, while the date "1904" is placed above. The series consists of the following values: 1 cent green; 2 cent rose; 5 cent blue; 10 cent yellow and black, and the 20 cent blue and black.

Every collector of stamps certainly has some favorite country to which he devotes the most of his time. By this I mean that he fills up the pages of this country more quickly. Canada is my special country. No stamps as beautiful as the Jubilee Issue of 97, in my opinion, have ever been issued. The coloring in these stamps is the best. They are finely printed and on a whole makes a beautiful appearance. Of course each collector has his opinion of the country he likes best and sticks to it. More pleasure is derived in collecting stamps that you like than collecting stamps that you do not like.

Mauritius can boast of three philatelic "records." It was the first British Colony to issue adhesive postage stamps; it was the first British Colony to indulge in a surcharge, and, finally, it is a Mauritian stamp that has shattered all records in the matter of prices paid for stamps at public auction.

New issues are all right when limited to copies for collection, but very unsatisfactory when held for speculation. Small speculators are not able to hold long enough. Very few issues are made in small enough quantities for the stamp to become rare, and even then the small speculator, buying through a dealer, doesn't get them.

Nowadays every stamp collector is more or less of a specialist. Even the most "ardent" "generalist" usually has some country, issue or type he particularly fancies and to which he devotes no little time and trouble in making as complete as possible.



DEPARTMENT of INQUIRY

By L. G. DORPAT, Bx 37, Wayside, Wis.

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address, and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

Another book announced by the same company is a "The Postage Stamps of the Philippines," by J. Murray Bartels Capt, F. L. Palmer, U. S. A., and F. Aphorhp Foster. The prospectus promises a good thing of especial interest to engineer or query 24. The edition is to be of 350 copies at \$2.50 cloth and \$4.50 Ed de Luxe. Ready in February 1904.

167. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PHILATELIST AND A STAMP COLLECTOR?—The philatelist is a lover of stamps, whether he be a collector or not. The collector is a gatherer of stamps whether he be a lover of them or not. In most cases the same person is both, a philatelist and a collector, but he is called the one or the other, according to what predominates in him, the love of stamps or the love of collecting them (perhaps only for money's sake). The philatelist usually is a student of stamps and pursues their study in a scientific way, while a collector who is not a philatelist may hoard up stamps without any except the most necessary knowledge of stamps. They are not necessarily against each other, and it may be said that the best philatelist is the one who is also a good collector, and the best collector is the one who is also a good philatelist—The question whether or not stamp collecting is a science, is about on the same line.

The answer will depend entirely upon how the collecting is done. With study it becomes a science, as raising potatoes becomes a science by means of study; without study it can certainly not be called science. Whether a science or not, it may be called hobby, a pastime or business, and will be a different thing to different individuals according to their attitude toward that science. It does not seem very important what position one takes as long as he does not go to extremes, and does not make war upon others for differing a little from him in position.

168. WHAT IS BETTER, TO COLLECT USED OR UNUSED STAMPS ONLY, OR BOTH?—Each of the three modes of collecting has its distinct advantages. Used stamps are in many instances much cheaper than unused, and collectors of moderate means may prefer getting used stamps only for that season; but there are exceptions and very important ones, too, some stamps being much scarcer and consequently much costlier in a genuinely used (postally used) condition than otherwise. To think that every cancellation work is genuine and a proof of genuineness of a stamp is erroneous, because both are counterfeited. Unused stamps are prettier than used and collectors who care for beauty will prefer unused stamps; but these are in some cases so excessively high in price, that the completeness as a collection in used stamps is almost beyond all hope. Just think of the St. Louis postmaster's stamps, Mauritis postoffice and British Guina and other very early issues all unused, things almost unheard of. If you can get them, these are certainly the best to collect! But who can? To collect both used and unused side by side means to make two collections

at once. Provided a collector has time, money and energy enough in excess he may certainly make a better showing with two or three collections than with one; usually though one collection is enough and all one man can attend to. To collect indiscriminately used or unused stamps, as they may be offered to the collector, is about the easiest and quickest way to get a large collection; It is therefore the most common way and suggests itself, in fact, it takes an effort to break loose from this mode of collecting.

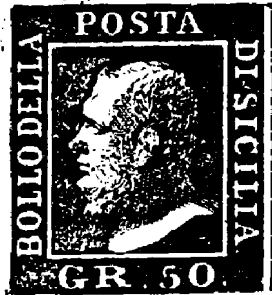
169. IS THERE ANY FORM, IDEAL OR LAW FOR STAMP COLLECTORS?—Certainly! The first collectors had to pick their way as best they could without any precedent or experience from others by which they might profit. It is different now, after quite a number of collectors have gained success or failed in their endeavors before us. We may learn from them, and we must, if we will avoid their mistakes and attain an equal standing with the best of them. Such names as Moens, Tappling, Tiffany suggest at once certain ways of procedure and invite us to follow the ways of these men who were highly successful. Any contemporary's success too invites us to study his methods and to follow them. Yet there is nothing like a philatelic legislator who may arbitrarily prescribe what his fellow-collectors shall practice or avoid. It is not human will that makes or prescribes laws, forms or ideals except the will of the individual for that self-same individual. It is action, experience and precedence that points out what is wholesome or detrimental, and all we can do for one another without inspiring undue ascendancy is to relate our experience or to direct attention to the experience of others. If any individual will break

loose from all precedent, follow new lines and do what others did not and nevertheless make a success of it; we must accord him the right to do so and must acknowledge that he thereby establishes new forms, ideals or laws. Whether or not we will follow these or the old ones depends upon our own will and what we aim at. Anyone who is successful in an innovation earns thereby prominence and leadership. Mere talk is vain.

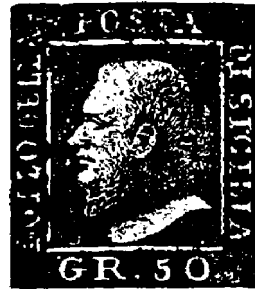
170. MAY A PHILATELIC SOCIETY MAKE LAWS FOR ITS MEMBERS? Of course, it may! As no one is compelled to join any society against his will, so the majority of any existing or forming society may decide with whom they will or will not associate. For an instance, if a dozen bearded collectors decided to start a society in which every member was to wear a beard, it would be but right (though it may seem foolish) to deny any un-bearded collector admission, or to expel any member for having his beard cut off. Likewise the majority may always decree what conditions in regard to collecting are to be fulfilled by those who are associated with them, provided no promises are broken. That promises should not be broken is a moral law, without which society can never flourish, Unless a promise be broken thereby, a member must always have the right to leave any society for disagreement with the majority of its members, and there need not be any ill feeling about it either. It seems quite proper that a philatelic society should decide upon a certain plan or object, a speciality or focus, in order to accomplish something worth while, and unless there is very little hope of endurance or success, That is what experience teaches.

Counterfeits And Their Detection.

By R. R. Thiele



GENUINE



FORGERY

(Continued)

SICILY. The first issue of Sicily is a very fine example of the engraver's art: the head of the infamous King Bomba, Ferdinand II, hardly deserves to be immortalized in this fashion. Unfortunately the stamps of this issue are usually very poorly printed, so that the fineness of the engraving does not appear to the best advantage. Often the impression is so smeared that the characteristics of steel engraving almost disappear and for this reason some of the lithographed counterfeits afloat of these stamps are more dangerous to the beginner than one would suppose. I have forgeries of the entire set, not all of them of the same workmanship. I shall begin their description with the one illustrated above, the 50 gram. All that is said of one original in the set applies to all the others in so far as concerns the portrait and the inscriptions at the left, at the top and at the right, as these are from the same die for all values only the value in the lower label was added separately.

The size of the forgery before me is very nearly that of the original, except that it is a half a millimeter too high ($23\frac{1}{2}$ mm. instead of 23 mm.) Similarly the inner frame around the head is a trifle too high ($17\frac{1}{4}$ mm. instead of 17mm.) Unfortunately the outside measurement cannot always be depended upon, as the plates were often poorly wiped and it is therefore not always clearly distinguished just where the design ends. The lithographed counterfeits usually show lines between the stamps, as is usually the case with lithographic transfers, but in this case they are no proof, because the originals are also separated on the plate by five lines of color. The portrait of the King shows various divergencies, though most of them are not easily described in words. The King's nose is not round nor pointed, but has something of a square tip on the original, though only clearly printed specimens show this well. On the forgeries before me the top is nicely rounded—another case that shows how mistaken it sometimes is to try to improve on nature's handiwork. The nose on the originals has another defect. It is slightly upturned at the tip—stubnosed, it is usually called, while Tennyson poetically says it is "tip-tilted like a flower." All the forgeries before me do not show this, but have a straight nose. The original shows the ear fairly well defined, including its lower lobe, though this is slightly hidden by the King's flowing Galway

whiskers. The counterfeits treat this lobe differently. On some of them, including the one of the 50 grana before me, the lobe is fairly well marked; on other, especially one of the 1 grana, less so, and on one of the 10 grana the lobe runs down into the whiskers about half-way to the jawbone, giving this portrait a decidedly unique appearance. This freak of course is caused by poor shading of the whiskers. The mouth on the original runs in quite deeply and has quite a heavy mark at its corner, though this does not show clearly on poorly printed copies. On all my forgeries the mouth is much too small and poorly shaded; the only exception is that of the 10 grana already mentioned on which it is quite large but without the heavy shading. The chin whiskers on the original end in a very short curve, almost in a point; on all my counterfeits the end too round and bluntly. The part of the bust which touches the frame at the right is quite narrow on the original, hardly more than a millimeter in width, while on all the forgeries before me it is much too wide, nearly two millimeter in width. Now as to the inscriptions:—On all the forgeries in my collection the scrips of the letters are too thick, so that the letters appear too heavily, though in reality they are in some cases thinner than those of the genuine, e. g. the L and I in SICILIA and the S of the same word. The letters of the word POSTA are all too heavy as compared to the original. The R. of G. R. has too straight and thin a bail: on the originals it is quite thick and has an angle near its juncture with the rest of the letter. The left part of the G. is also too thin. In the figures of value the top of the 5 is rather flat, while the forgery shows it somewhat curved upwards. On all the values of the genu-

ine there is a period after the A of SICILIA, but it is so close to the letter that quite often it seems to be merely an elongation of the right-hand foot of the A. On the counterfeits this period stands out very distinctly and clearly; it is opposite the end of the horizontal frame line under the head, whereas on originals consists of exceedingly fine crosshatching so fine, in fact, that the background on all but very clear copies appears solid. In the forgeries the background is also hatched, but quite coarsely; often it appears solid here also.

Some of my counterfeits are cancelled by means of a nondescript horseshoe-shaped mark, whose significance is dark. None of them show the curious ornamental obliteration which was especially designed to leave the sacred head of King Bomba clear from defacement.

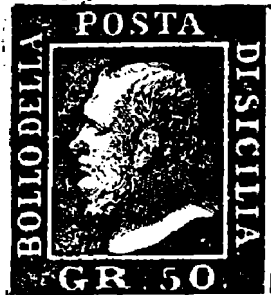
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From statistics issued by the International Postal union, one may learn interesting facts about United States which stands first in the number of articles of mail matter, received by and sent to each inhabitant, in the length of its mail routes in the amount of money expended, in the deficiency and in the number of postoffices and employes. New Zealand stands first in the proportion of postoffices to the population, while the United States comes next. Germany has more public letter boxes than any other country, but our own country is a close second.

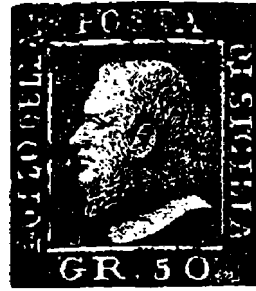
Unused stamps of the current series of Great Britain may be redeemed at the post offices in London, Dublin and Edinburgh at a discount of 5 per cent.

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(Continued)

SICILY. The first issue of Sicily is a very fine example of the engraver's art: the head of the infamous King Bomba, Ferdinand II, hardly deserves to be immortalized in this fashion. Unfortunately the stamps of this issue are usually very poorly printed, so that the fineness of the engraving does not appear to the best advantage. Often the impression is so smeared that the characteristics of steel engraving almost disappear and for this reason some of the lithographed counterfeits afloat of these stamps are more dangerous to the beginner than one would suppose. I have forgeries of the entire set, not all of them of the same workmanship. I shall begin their description with the one illustrated above, the 50 gram. All that is said of one original in the set applies to all the others in so far as concerns the portrait and the inscriptions at the left, at the top and at the right, as these are from the same die for all values only the value in the lower label was added separately.

The size of the forgery before me is very nearly that of the original, except that it is a half a millimeter too high ($23\frac{1}{2}$ mm. instead of 23 mm.). Similarly the inner frame around the head is a trifle too high ($17\frac{1}{4}$ mm. instead of 17mm.) Unfortunately the outside measurement cannot always be depended upon, as the plates were often poorly wiped and it is therefore not always clearly distinguished just where the design ends. The lithographed counterfeits usually show lines between the stamps, as is usually the case with lithographic transfers, but in this case they are no proof, because the originals are also separated on the plate by fine lines of color. The portrait of the King shows various divergencies, though most of them are not easily described in words. The King's nose is not round nor pointed, but has something of a square tip on the original, though only clearly printed specimens show this well. On the forgeries before me the top is nicely rounded—another case that shows how mistaken it sometimes is to try to improve on nature's handiwork. The nose on the originals has another defect. It is slightly upturned at the tip—stubbosed, it is usually called, while Tennyson poetically says it is "tip-tilted like a flower." All the forgeries before me do not show this, but have a straight nose. The original shows the ear fairly well defined, including its lower lobe, though this is slightly hidden by the King's flowing Galway

whiskers. The counterfeits treat this lobe differently. On some of them, including the one of the 50 grana before me, the lobe is fairly well marked; on other, especially one of the 1 grana, less so, and on one of the 10 grana the lobe runs down into the whiskers about half-way to the jawbone, giving this portrait a decidedly unique appearance. This freak of course is caused by poor shading of the whiskers. The mouth on the original runs in quite deeply and has quite a heavy mark at its corner, though this does not show clearly on poorly printed copies. On all my forgeries the mouth is much too small and poorly shaded; the only exception is that of the 10 grana already mentioned on which it is quite large but without the heavy shading. The chin whiskers on the original end in a very short curve, almost in a point; on all my counterfeits the end too round and bluntly. The part of the bust which touches the frame at the right is quite narrow on the original, hardly more than a millimeter in width, while on all the forgeries before me it is much too wide, nearly two millimeter in width. Now as to the inscriptions:—On all the forgeries in my collection the scrips of the letters are too thick, so that the letters appear too heavily, though in reality they are in some cases thinner than those of the genuine, e. g. the L and I in SICILIA and the S of the same word. The letters of the word POSTA are all too heavy as compared to the original. The R. of G. R. has too straight and thin a bail: on the originals it is quite thick and has an angle near its juncture with the rest of the letter. The left part of the G. is also too thin. In the figures of value the top of the 5 is rather flat, while the forgery shows it somewhat curved upwards. On all the values of the genu-

ine there is a period after the A of SICILIA, but it is so close to the letter that quite often it seems to be merely an elongation of the right-hand foot of the A. On the counterfeits this period stands out very distinctly and clearly; it is opposite the end of the horizontal frame line under the head, whereas on originals consists of exceedingly fine crosshatching so fine, in fact, that the background on all but very clear copies appears solid. In the forgeries the background is also hatched, but quite coarsely; often it appears solid here also.

Some of my counterfeits are cancelled by means of a nondescript horseshoe-shaped mark, whose significance is dark. None of them show the curious ornamental obliteration which was especially designed to leave the sacred head of King Bomba clear from defacement.

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From statistics issued by the International Postal union, one may learn interesting facts about United States which stands first in the number of articles of mail matter, received by and sent to each inhabitant, in the length of its mail routes in the amount of money expended, in the deficiency and in the number of postoffices and employes. New Zealand stands first in the proportion of postoffices to the population, while the United States comes next. Germany has more public letter boxes than any other country, but our own country is a close second.

Unused stamps of the current series of Great Britain may be redeemed at the post offices in London, Dublin and Edinburgh at a discount of 5 per cent.

Inscriptions on Stamps

BY L. G. DORPAT

CHUNGKING has the same on its two types, to wit: "Chung-Ch'ing-Hsin-Chu": Chung-King-Letter Bureau on the right and on the left "Pro-Ch'ien-Erh-Fen": Label-Coin-Two-Candarins, which seems to mean stamp value, Two Candarins. I am not quite sure of this left side legend though, and of course the third character will differ with the values. The surcharge for the due stamps is "Ch'ien-Hsing": deficient-item or quantity, postage due. The left hand character (Hsiang) differs from that on the stamps of Chingkiang.

FOOCHOW has but one type. It is given in Scotts but not plain enough to make out with any certainty what the characters on it are. Bright and Son's catalogue has it no better. In Kohl's and Gibbon's I do not find it at all. From what I can see on Scott's it seems that the same five characters are both on the right and left hand panel, the first two (above) reading "Hsin-Tzu". Letter-Fee and the lower two "Wu-Wen": Five-Cash or whatever the value may be. The character in the middle I can not decipher.

HANKOW offers 6 types to consider. Beginning with the first, we read at the right side downward "Erh-Fen": Two-Candarins, "Yang Ch'ien": Foreign-Cents, at the left "Hankow-Shu-Hsin-Kuan": Hankow-Letter-Office. The word "Hankow" is perfect in Scotts la only, the square-like character standing for the syllable "Kow"; "Shu-Hsin," is a compound, both parts meaning nearly the same letter or writing. Type two has the same legend with the exception of the second character at the right which is "Chio" or "Chueh" the tenth part of a Yuan or dollar. Type three has again the same with only the value changed, the two upper characters at

the right reading here "Saw-Chio": Three Tenths (dimes) of a Yuan. The remaining three types are again so indistinct in Scotts that I dare not risk my eyes in deciphering them, and originals I have not. With the help of the foregoing it should be easy though to read their contents, if these can only be seen.

ICHANG is rather rich in Chinese characters. No. 1 has "I-Chang" on the right and "Hsin-Kuan": Letter-Office at the left. In the centre crosswise from above down and from right to left we have "Wen - Yin - Wu - Hao": Pure-Silver-Five-Hao. "Hao" is the tenth part of a Fen or Candarin, consequently 5 Hao are $\frac{1}{2}$ Fen. No. 2 has Ichang in the two upper corners, one syllable in each. On the right downward we find "Shu-Hsin-Kuan"; Letter-Office, on the left "Yin-I-Fen": Silver-One-Fen. In the centre are represented four coins. The upper one has "Tung - Pao - Tao - Kuang": Current-Money-1821 to 1850 (Tao-Kuang is the name of a period of time. The lowest coin has "Hsien-Pao-Tao-Feng": Universal-Coin-Course of Nature-Abundance the meaning of which seems to be "Coin of the period of universal abundance", "Hsien-Feng" alone being used for the period 1851 to 1861. The coin at the right has "T'ung-Pao-Tao-Chih": Current-Coin-1862 to 1874. "Chih" alone means Rule, but "T'ung-Chih" is a period of time. The coin at the left has "Kuang-Pao-Tao-Hsu": Light-Coin-Course of Nature-a Clew, meaning "Coin of the period from 1875 until the present time", "Kuang-Hsu" representing that period. The succession in reading the characters as stated above is: top, left, right, bottom. The first character on the upper coin is "T'ung": Current; the first on the right hand coin is "T'ung": united; these are two different characters for the same sound, and have of course, different meanings.

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3 Our Illustrations. 3

M. R. Moore was born on a farm near Equality, Ill., in 1870 and while there begun a collection of Indian relics. At the age of 13 he was moved to Equality, where he attended school for five years, after which he became a telegraph operator for the L. & N. R. R. Served 5 years as operator, and 5 as train dispatcher for this and other railroads. Returning home on account of poor health he embarked the drug business, which he continues at the present

His collection of Indian relics consist of 210 specimens, of which all but five are from Gallatin, Saline and Hardin Cos., Ill.

His collection of coins and medals, are very limited indeed yet he has several specimens to be proud of. One in particular he prizes very highly. A Jackson medal, unearthed by drudging machine on Hutchinson Island, mouth of Savannah river, where the mine had been buried when Sherman took Savannah. They were not found until 1897, and up to that time, it was supposed by all who knew of their existence, that all trace of them had been lost forever. His specimen was given to him by one of the two parties who found them. He saw the entire lot, originally 1200, he believes, but a number of them were almost entirely eaten up by the salt water.

He begun collecting stamps 8 years ago, and naturally started with both foreign and U. S. only. He disposed of the entire lot of foreigners, and now devotes the little time he has to U. S. only, which consists of 875 varieties. In addition to these he has quantities of duplicates, which he wants to dis-

pose of for stamps not in his collection.

Frank Best was born in Pennsylvania in 1858, moved to Missouri in 1865 and two years later moved to Kansas, living there until 1875 when in March of that year came to Canada. On July 4th, while on a visit to Pittsburg, Pa., he was given a small envelope full of stamps and was told to paste them in an old book which he did and then began to save stamps.

In the fall of 1867, living then at Leavenworth, Kan., having interested two other boys in saving stamps. He formed a stamp club, visiting at each others houses in turn, weekly, to show the treasures got, found or given, as up to that time no stamps, so far as they knew, could be got for the buying. The first stamps seen advertised were by S. Allan Taylor, Boston, Mass., who in 1868 or early '69 offered 50 different foreign stamps for 25 cents. He lost during a large fire which nearly wiped out the city of Elsworth a fine collection of over 2000 stamps and many frames of insects, eggs, stuffed birds, snake skins, etc., etc. This was in 1874 and it was in this year that the great grasshopper plague devastated the greater part of the state of Kansas, causing thousands of ruined families to return to the East.

Has been connected with the book trade since coming to Toronto and during the first few years had many rare pence issue stamps of B. N. A.

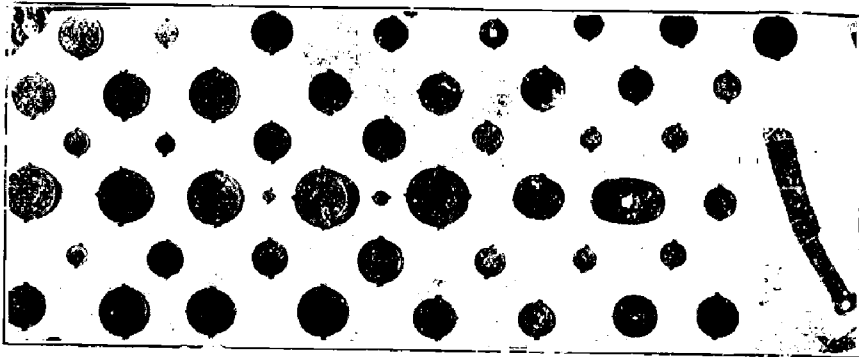
American Souvenir Card Exchange Club

Miss M. Keller, President; R. W. Geauque, 96 Wall St., New York, Secy-Treas.

Dues: Domestic, 50c; Foreign 75c per year in advance.

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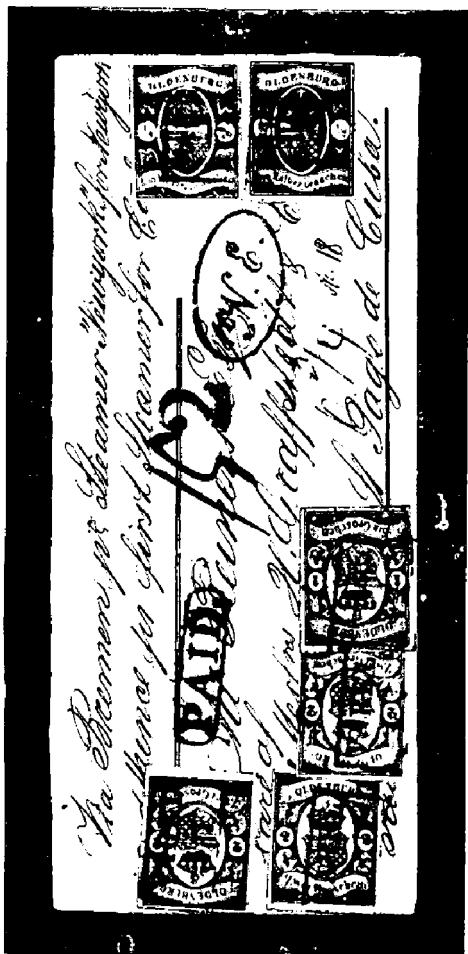
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Some Coins of C. E. Crittenden, Michigan.



T. Best, Toronto, Can.



A Rare Cover



A BRUSH



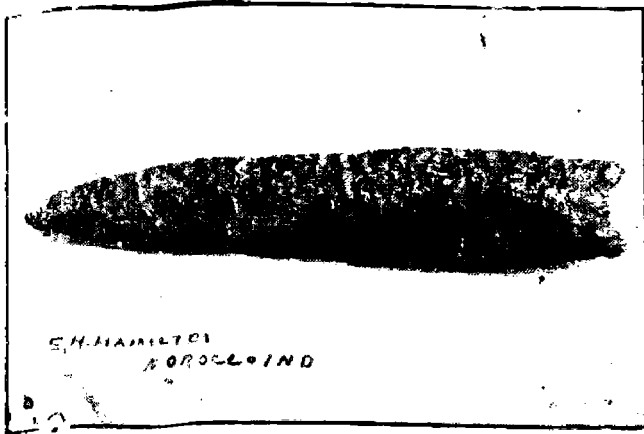
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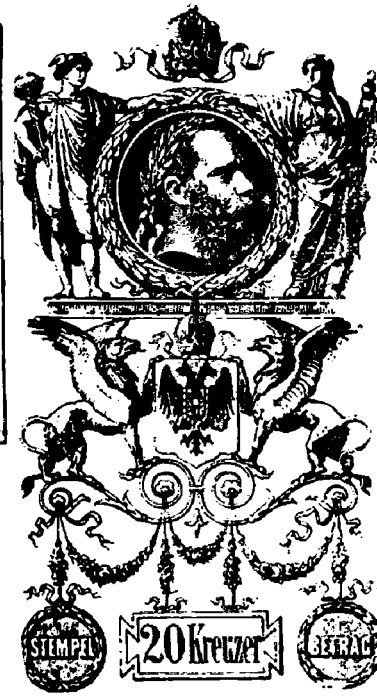
Baby Seal.



Gold Slabs



No. 1



A Large Fiscal Stamp



SEAL NOVELTY

Nos. 1 and 2 are Indian relics owned by E. Hamilton, Mosocco, Ind. Large one's length 1 3/4 in, width 5 3/4 in, weight 12 lbs, 5 oz

Baby seal at Denver Park, only seal ever born in captivity.

Pure gold slabs as they come from the Denver smelter, value over \$50000.00. Taken by I. Christensen, Monte Vista, Colo.



No. 2

Benefits Derived From Philocarty.

By Henry Herbert Huff

Byron Ill.

As is true of stamps, for the collecting of souvenir cards we have also a technical name; but for some unknown reason, doubtless because many young collectors are unfamiliar with the term its use has not yet become general. Philocarty is probably a combination of the Greek word "philos", meaning "love of" and "carte", the French word for "card" and it is to be hoped that the hobby will soon be universally known under this name as it is so apt a one and would obviate the further use of the long and undignified expression "souvenir card collecting" so general now.

The frequent and numerous instances in which stamp collectors were called upon to prove to some poor stupid unbeliever that philately is more than a waste of time and money and, of one who indulges in it, indicative of a weak mind have been the reason for a thorough discussion of the practical and educational value of stamp collecting in philatelic publications during past years. Now that so many benefits have been suggested and reasons given, even the young collector finds it an easy matter to convince a skeptical friend or parent of the really educational values to be derived from philately.

It would not be surprising nor at all improbable that philocartists, (if the term is permissible), may someday be called upon to justify their devoting time to such a hobby. To start a discussion that will furnish abundant reasons and to mention a few of the many real benefits to be derived from souvenir card collecting, is the object of this paper.

Geography appeals to many as being one of the most prominent of studies in which the benefits of souvenir card collecting are especially to be noticed. To view a good collection may be expressed as a "miniature journey around the world." The subjects of the picture are usually scenery, public buildings, or views of cities in the country where they were issued, and a good assortment of cards will represent nearly all portions of the globe. Of course, dependant upon the objects pictured on each card, in general, we learn the kind of vegetation, climate and physical features of the lands in every clime; the size of important cities and their location; and the products and industries peculiar to each place. The pictures on souvenir cards are usually direct from photographs and depict actual conditions while the illustrations in a majority of geographical text books are wood cuts and drawn more according to the artist's fancy than with regard to fact. In this way souvenir cards are superior for study.

(To be concluded)

To The Members of the Texas Philatelic Association.

New Braunfels, Texas, March 10 '04

In compliance with Article 20 of our articles of association and by the authority vested in me as President, I hereby call the 8th Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association to be held in the city of San Antonio on the 21st day of April, 1904, at such place of meeting as may be designated by the members residing in that city.

The election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at this meeting and nominations are now in order and should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer for publication.

Respectfully, S. V. PFEFFER,
President.

Rec'd after Texas report was printed.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A S of C C

Seldon K. Ogle of Klamath Agency, Ore., one of our A. S. of C. C. members made a trip into the country of the lava beds a few months ago, where he spent seven days sight seeing and searching for Indian relics and curios. He had a camera along and obtained a splendid lot of views, among them Captain Jack's stronghold; the Cross, a monument marking the place where Generals Canby and Thomas were massacred and where Meecham was shot and all but lost his scalp, of Black Ledge where the Modocs took refuge after vacating the stronghold, and other snap-shots of places having historical interest. In the caves of the stronghold Mr. Ogle found many of the effects of Captain Jack and his warrior gang, yet in a good state of preservation, but none of the plunder of murdered settlers and emigrants was located. These lava beds constitute a vast waste as yet unexplored, affording to the sight-seer a wonderland, to the relic hunter a splendid field of operation, to the student a place for unlimited research. Brother Ogle made some good finds, bringing back with him stone implements of warfare and the camp-fire, as well as obsidian knives and arrow points. His collection of Indian relics is probably second to none in the state of Oregon, and he will likely exhibit them at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Professor F. W. Crosby, the Smithsonian Institution's expert, has examined the meteor which fell at Lodi, Cal., and pronounced it not only genuine, but the largest ever found in the United States. It weighs between ten and twenty tons.

Evidence that man and the mammoth were for a considerable time contemporaries comes from various quarters. In Siberia twelve feet below the surface of a cliff which stands 136 feet above the present level of the river Obi, a skeleton of a mammoth was found, associated with numerous flint implements, indicating the presence of man, while the large bones of the animal were split in the usual way of savages for extracting the marrow. In numerous places in Europe the bones of the animal have been found both in the river gravel and in caves associated in a similar manner with flint implements, while the picture of the mammoth carved upon a piece of ivory in prehistoric times, found in a cave of La Madeleine, Perigord, France, is so lifelike that it must have been made by one who was familiar with the animal. In Wisconsin one of the mounds of the Moundbuilders so perfectly represents the elephant that it is hardly possible to doubt the familiarity of the builders with this animal.

Someone has been kind enough to send the Curio Editor a marked copy of the London Mail, giving an account of the auction sale some weeks ago of a rare book. The Mail says: "One of the most courted volumes in the world of book collecting, "Original Poetry by Victor and Cazire;" (the pen names of Percy B. Shelley and his sister,) was yesterday sold at Sotheby's for \$3,000. It was a presentation copy from the printer to Charles Phillips. The sale-rooms were filled to their utmost limits by a crowd, which included eager book dealers, Connoisseurs, and a sprinkling of American agents prepared to bid high prices to secure the treasure for the wealthy collectors they represented. On the "Shelley" being put up some one at once bid \$500, but the auctioneer said, 'No, no,' and a voice cried '\$1,500.' The price rose rapidly, \$50 at a time. The Americans were keen but dropped out towards the end, and two Englishmen were left in, Mr. Sabin, a dealer, and Mr. Wise, To the latter finally fell the prize. This gentleman, a private collector, now possesses the two only known copies of this valuable pamphlet, for it is nothing more. He secured his first copy in 1898. The sum paid on this occasion is a record for a 'Shelley' but has of course been far exceeded in the case of other much-sought after volumes. The greatest sum ever paid for a book is \$24,750 for a volume of psalms at the Syson Park Sale."

Up in one of the "dens" of the Chicago Athletic Association's club-house is a novel mantel ornament which would be a great acquisition to any of our curio lover's cabinets. It is a carving of heavy, reddish pine, and stands about six-inches high. It is called a "potato god" and was brought to Chicago by E. C. Mills of

Wellington, New Zealand, who gave it to Ira H. Jewell. Although styled a "potato god" by the present owner, the idol's name in New Zealand is less vulgar and commonplace. Over there he is known as a Koomera god, and his especial strong point is the blessing of potato fields. As the strange idol rests on the mantel piece in a "den" of the Athletic Association he sits on a base about three inches long and two wide, but this base has been fixed-up for the occasion. When he is on duty in his native country the god has no base at all, being strapped to the shaft of the native spades, face downward, and the black foot of the Maori agriculturist fits across just above his back. The reason that the Koomera deity is placed in this undignified position on a spade-handle when on duty is that thus he will get in his good work of blessing the potato crop more effectively, supposedly giving his blessing to each spadeful of earth as it is turned over. One of the Chicago papers printed a picture of the Koomera god not long ago, and it is a hideous enough looking idol to "raise Cain" with, let alone raise potatoes. Nevertheless when the Chicago men tire of it if they'll drop a line to the Curio Editor he'll find a place for it in his curio cabinet.

Miss Ellen Hawes, of Orange, Mass., is said to have the most remarkable collection of pitchers in the country. Beginning with 1809 she has succeeded in gathering 500 pitchers of various dates since then, and of nearly every imaginable pattern, as well as workmanship. No two pitchers are alike, and the collection is composed of the choicest cream pitchers of latest make to the old fashioned cider, and helmet-shaped lowestoff. There are pitchers portraying the skill and tradition of many foreign countries, as well as pitchers from all parts of the United States.

E N T R E N O U S .

Between ourselves. Just a little chat between you of the WEST and we of the WEST.

Scores of readers have entered our writer's contest. Are you preparing an article? The prizes are well worth striving for. Read the conditions carefully.

One inquires as to whether he is permitted to submit more than one article in this contest? Certainly. As many as you like.

But be careful and avoid imitation. Original articles are desired, and no others. Do the best you can with your subject, but if the grammar is not correct, remember that we revise it for you.

We received over 300 subscriptions on February 23rd. For a stamp paper, that is a good many in one day isn't it? But that frequently occurs with the WEST.

The WEST was advertised in over 500 magazines during 1903. We believe in "taking our medicine" you see. Such extensive advertising necessitates a large advertising appropriation, to be sure. But by this means we have secured a subscription list vastly larger than that of any similar publication.

Someone complains of an occasional typographical error. Did you ever stop to consider the immense amount of labor attendant to printing a magazine the size of the WEST? And at the very low subscription price, something must be sacrificed somewhere to make both ends meet. No doubt at a dollar per year such difficulties could be overcome. Will you be one to rise up and say "Raise the price?"

How did you like the cover design of the February number? We have arranged with Mr. Dutton, and with other well known illustrators, for a series of these designs. These will be of pleasing variety. We are going to ask you later which one strikes your fancy.

The WEST Pays Advertisers

We received over 570 orders from our page ad last month.—M. M. Mercantile Co., Greenfield, Ill.

The WEST gives us more answers and orders than all other papers.—Davis Bros. Curio Co., Kent, Ohio.

Our first ad in the WEST has done us a lot of good and will use space in it as long as we advertise.—Lusterine Photo Co., Salem, Ore.

I have ads in six other papers and the WEST is equal to the whole bunch.—McGill, Chicago.

WEST is the first paper where our ad more than paid its cost of the first insertion. It was a go from the start.—Globe Stamp Co. Stamford, Ct.

“Follow-up Literature for Stamp Advertisers” **By Ernest F. Gardner**

An essential factor in to-day's mail order advertising is a follow-up system. From the elaborate and extensive systems covering a period of one year or more in an effort to "chase down" a piano or automobile order, or the fast and furious "every-week fire" used by the correspondence schools, down to the little "second request" system of the small dealer, each has the same object in view;—to land the order.

The inauguration of the follow-up system on the present extensive plan has caused an increase of thousands of dollars worth of business in the mail order field, and has placed many an unprofitable business on a firm paying basis. The old system of making one spasmodic effort to land an order from the first inquiry, and then if this one effort fails to get the business to abandon the effort as worthless, has long since lost a place in modern methods, in all departments of the mail order business,—except the stamp business,

Not one stamp advertiser in ten knows the meaning of "follow up literature" as pertaining to his business. If a request comes for a catalogue the catalogue is sent and that is the end of the effort on the part of the average dealer. If an ad brings a cash order the goods are sent,—sometimes accompanied by advertising literature and sometimes not. In either event no further effort is made for future business.

Some dealers make a specialty of sending out approval sheets, sometimes accompanied by a personal letter, but usually without one line of advertising. One unbusinesslike method of some approval sheet dealers is to

send out a bunch of approval sheets to a promiscuous list of names,—(people who have never requested them to do so) without the enclosing postage for return. Then if the recipient fails to return the sheets at once he will receive a gentle "businesslike" roast about his careless oversight etc. I know this to be a fact because I've "got 'em" myself.

My last gentle reminder was from a rural dealer in Vermont. He had secured my name from some source and had sent me a bunch of approval sheets with a pencil written request to take what I wanted and to return the rest with the cash at once. As the letter was received on a busy day I laid it aside, thinking I would look the sheets over as soon as time permitted. I was somewhat surprised a few days later to receive a rather insulting letter requesting me to either remit the money or return the stamps at once. The letter stated that I certainly intended keeping the entire lay-out, as the sender was unable to hear anything from me;—that it would only cost a two-cent stamp to return the sheets, and that he would like me to oblige him by doing so at once."

I bundled his sheets, letter and all in an envelope and returned them with a little free lecture on courteous business methods and a prescription for the cure of childish impatience.

If this dealer had accompanied his sheets with a stamped addressed envelope and a neat courteous business letter, in all probability I would have TAKEN time to look his sheets over and returned them the same day they were received.

Of course in such a business as the mail order stamp business, where the large majority of the orders amount to only a few cents, one cannot afford an extensive follow up system, but I would suggest and advise at least this much:

With every bunch of approval sheets that go out, enclose a stamped addressed envelope and a good type-written form of letter. In case a remittance is not received or the stamps not returned in a reasonable length of time then send out a letter No. 2 written in a sensible businesslike way, and it will have the desired effect. I would also suggest a letter to be mailed upon receipt of a remittance, thanking the sender and soliciting his further business, and if desired, enclosing new approval sheets. If the business is of large volume a more elaborate and complete system can be devised and operated with profitable results.

But whether the business be big or little there must be a follow up system of some kind, or the dealer will be a big loser thereby.

Prehistoric Remains d d d in Texas

By L. B. Millard
Santa Anna, Texas.

The prehistoric race or races that early inhabited this part of Texas must have been white people who lived, and loved and died here ages before the Indian came here from the great Northwest. This conclusion is reached from the fact that the mounds of this part of the country have been buried to a great depth by the washing down upon them of hills, and even mountains. We find them on the banks of creeks and up on high ridges, all built of small limestone and sandstone rocks, blackened and burned, showing every evidence of having at one time a fire of intense heat kept burning under and around them. Other mounds seem to be nothing more than houses, now unroofed of course, admitting that they were once blessed with a covering, the walls of stone still standing, with nearly always a

door on the south or west side.

We find in these prehistoric abodes or mounds, ashes, bones, mussel shells, flint, as well as implements and ornaments made from these materials. Some of these deposits are as shallow as six inches, and not more than seven or eight feet in diameter, while others are ten feet deep with ashes and thirty feet across, showing that a fire had been kept burning there for perhaps years. These ash-heaps might indicate that the prehistoric people of this part of Texas were sun-worshippers and in this connection it might be well to add that some of the remains show signs of pagan rites of sacrifice having been performed.

These mounds are scattered all over this part of Texas. Large trees grow on some of them, showing that they antedate the American Indian's occupation of the country. All sorts of theories are held by the people living hereabouts, some believing that these ash-heaps are nothing more than places where lime was burned by some race of people now gone, while others contend that these are the sites of prehistoric smelters where metal was extracted from the ore, and yet another idea advanced is that the prehistoric people built log fires at these spots, and in these fires heated rocks during the day, that holding the heat kept the people warm at night.

Some good finds are made by a search of these mounds, but the specimens are invariably of stone, flint or bone. I have never heard of a single piece of pottery ever being found in one of the mounds. The weapons and implements are in nearly all cases heavy and crude, and those most commonly found are war-clubs, axes, arrow and spear heads, and very rudely fashioned mortars and pestles. As most of the people who live here that have taken relics from the mounds

care nothing for the specimens, and have either broken them or thrown them away, it is not now very easy to pick up many things of interest. I have a good many in my collection that would likely be of interest to archaeologists, and were it possible I would send pictures of some of them to illustrate this article.

The Archaeology of New York. A J

II.—POLISHED STONE IMPLEMENTS

By Oswald A Bauer A S of C C 325

In a previous article we considered only those implements found in New York which are chipped. The polished stone articles, while they perhaps afford more of a variety, are not nearly as plentiful as the former. The incredible care which in most cases marks the polished stone implements in their manufacture and the more restricted use to which they were put are perhaps the chief reasons for this.

Grooved axes are rare throughout the entire state. Celts seem to supply their places and are often roughened on their lateral edges to give a firmer grip to the handle. They occur in a multitude of different forms, one which is frequently found being pointed at the top, thin through the middle and rounded. Several long cylindrical celts have been found in different places, some being as much as 12 inches long. One celt was found long ago in the Chittenango Creek with the original handle still on although much the worse for wear. The handle measures $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches and tapers from the axe to the handle's end. It is probably the only example of its kind found in New York.

Gouges are mostly found in the central part of the state and are common

est near lakes and streams. This would point to their use in the construction of canoes. The commonest variety seems to be the long form grooved from one end to the other and tapering uniformly throughout. Exceptionally fine specimens are frequent and broken ones are in abundance. These implements were unknown to the Iroquois however and had no practical relation to the modern Indian. Adzes, stone hoes and spades are very sparingly found as other articles were used in their stead and more particularly in the last case.

Stone balls were used by the Iroquois in war clubs and are often found on their camp sites. Occasionally they are grooved and when in this form were probably used as net sinkers instead of in war implements. These are abundant at Cayuga and Seneca lakes. Some of these stone balls are very large being a foot in diameter. Hammer stones and mullers are of frequent occurrence, and of the usual well known forms. Most hammer stones are pitted while the mullers have a flat polished surface. Some of these may have been used in games and closely resemble the "chungke stone" of the South.

Pestles are found everywhere and mortars are frequent although more common toward the coast. Many large rude shapes occur in pestles and mostly of different varieties. They vary in length from 9 to 24 inches and some longer. One was found near Albany having a carved head. It is 26 inches long and has a diameter of about two inches. This carved variety is rare. Potstone was used both for vessels and numerous other implements being easy to work. It is often found in quantities. The general opinion seems to be however that articles made from this came from Pennsylvania.

Another article and one that seems

to have been rather local in New York was the plummet. They are confined to good fishing places and are usually found near the lakes. They differ from the specimens found in the West and were probably used more as sinkers in this region. Sinew stones are a class of instruments having grooves which are supposed to be the result of drawing sinews across the stone. They are usually of a soft material and while widely distributed are not common. Bayonet slabs or slates are rare instruments used for ceremonial purposes. They are slender, parallel sided and triangular in section. Two specimens from Onondaga county are the finest known being highly polished and excellently preserved.

Amulets were not particularly frequent anywhere and New York is no exception to the rule although it affords good specimens. They are commonly striped slate and are variable in form. They belong chiefly to the St Lawrence basin and south of Lake Erie. In this state they are most frequent south of Lake Ontario. Boat stones of the true variety are rarely found here although perhaps New York has as many forms as any other state. They are found chiefly along Lake Champlain and the Hudson. Another peculiar implement which occurs in this state are the polished slate knives. These have a close resemblance to the slate knives of the Eskimo except that the New York variety usually has a barb. They are common also in parts of Canada but generally stick closely to the vicinity of the great lakes.

Banner stones occur in this state and vary much in form, size and material usually being of ornamental slate. They are sometimes in the shape of a pick, heart or double crescent. Their use was no doubt ceremonial. Gorgets also occur in many

varieties. One specimen taken from a grave in Dutchess county was of dark striped slate and had 41 tally marks inscribed upon it. A majority of the testimony would seem to point to the fact these were used as ornaments rather than that they possessed any practical use. The variety having notches does not seem to be particularly rare either and specimens are often found. In fact it may be said that as they were so striking a part of the personal decoration of the nature they are widely distributed and to be found almost everywhere.

In concluding, a variety of relics should not be overlooked the use of which is questionable. These are the large grooved boulders found in many parts of the state one of which weighed as much as 1970 lbs. The best theory for advanced is that the Indians used these grooves for making arrow shafts. Sitting beside or astride of a boulder he worked the shaft back and forth rapidly in the groove until completed and well rounded off. There certainly is no other apparent use for them. Another rare article sometimes found are the ornaments and plates of mica. Their use is not determined. Stone heaps are found in many parts of New York and are often mentioned in our early histories. They are not very frequent however in any one place the largest perhaps being in Schoharie Co. of the stone implements there remains now only the pipes and as these are of sufficient variety to warrant their being treated separately we will conclude this short article on polished implements. From it we may see, however, that while New York may not have the quantity some other states have it is well represented as to variety and the various forms common as a general rule to the authorized inhabitant.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.
President—E Doebelin, Box 737, Pittsburg, Pa.
Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny, Pa.
Secretary—Geo W Rode, 255 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
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Regular meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society held Friday, February 12, 1904.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doebelin, president pro. tem., ten members and eight visitors being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The judges on the competition of collections of adhesive postage stamps of any one country presented a report awarding the silver medal to corresponding member John N. Luff for exhibit of Great Britain and the bronze medal to Mr. E. Doebelin for exhibit of Russia. Five collections were entered scoring respectively 98 per cent, 97 per cent, 88 per cent, 82 per cent and 65 per cent and the members and visitors examined the exhibits with much pleasure and interest.

Owing to his absence from the city on account of ill health, Mr. E. L. Porter resigned as President and Mr. E. Doebelin was elected for the balance of the term.

Owing to his absence from the city Mr. A. Platz resigned as treasurer and Mr. N. S. Coe was elected for the balance of the term.

Mr. N. A. Hemphill was elected as a member of the executive committee to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. Coe as treasurer.

Mr. Geo F Duck resigned as a resident member which was accepted with regrets.

Mr B H Schewe was dropped for non-payment of dues.

Messrs Robert D Maynard and Ross D Vroman were proposed for resident membership and the applications were referred to the executive committee as required by our sales.

Messrs A G Burgoyne, Adam E Daum, N S Coe, Geo W Rode, Max Arnheim and E Doebelin were named as the committee to make arrangements for the coming convention of the American Philatelic Association.

19 lots were sold at the informal auction sale.

The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$106.32

Adjourned

GEO. W. RODE, Secy.

The One Time Ad.

Why does not the first ad "pull" as well as the second. There may be several reasons, but here is the chief one. A man in the West, or the South, or even the East notices a "want" ad for a salesman in New York City. He would like to answer it but he considers, "That place is filled by this time by a man on the spot, there is no use in my wasting time in writing after it." He may have guessed right—that a man on the spot was first in answering but that does not prove that he got the place. Now the fellow sees the ad in next month and says "By jove, that job wasn't filled after all"—and he sits down and applies for it. There are plenty like him, and they furnish the solution to the puzzle why a one time ad does not pay as well as the second. But the same theory can be carried still further. It applies as much to full page display ads as it does to the little four liners on the Want page. Many a man sees the first appearance of a good display ad and determines to answer it—to write for a sample of the stamp advertised next month, say. In the meantime, being a busy man, it slips his memory. He sees the same firm's ad next month or the month after, and is reminded of his intention. It may be several weeks before he decides, but the ad is every month putting him in mind of what he ought to do, and he finally does it. There is nothing in one time advertising, whatever the size of the space used. It is ephemeral.

Interstate Philatelic Association.

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 Official Organ. The WEST.
 Convention Seat. Portland, Ore

The seventh annual convention of the I. P. A. first called for Dec. 15 was postponed till Dec. 31 due to causes unavoidable. The above named officers were elected.

Certain changes were made in the constitution the effect of which will be

1. To admit any collector in the U S or Canada who may furnish responsible reference and apply in due form.
2. There will be no honorary members.
3. Exchange Supt. will hereafter be known as Sales and Auction Supt.
4. The officers shall all be residents of Oregon and Washington.

The Secy-Treas reported in part as follows:

Members in good standing, sixth annual convention.....	35
Resigned.....	3
Elected	2
Now on roll	34

Regardless of generous rewards new members have not been admitted in any way encouraging. We must have them and will expect many new members if the measure carries to nationalize the society.

Financial report:

Cash on hand, sixth annual conven	\$4 57
Rec'd from dues and Insur'e fund	6 60
Total receipts	11 17
C W Brown for off organ Dec-June	5 45
L T Brodstone " " July-Nov	1 03
Postage to members	3 28
Balance on hand, seventh annual convention	1 41
Total	11 17

FRANK L. APPLGATE,
 Secy-Treas. 1903

The Sales Supt reported:

41 books rec'd for circulation \$521 32
 All retired
 Sales from above90 59

Proposed for membership:

Lewis Johnson, Bx 1043, Tacoma, Wash.

Refs LeRoy Pratt, Rev P Demetrius.

No objections being made Mr. Johnson will be issued his card in due time.

Dropped for non payment of dues:

No 141. J D Taylor, Vallego, Calif.

Mr. Brown, the newly elected Secretary, says it will be impossible for him to act, so until further arrangements are made I will continue in my present capacity. Members may remit me 25c for current dues and receive card at once.

Will be pleased to send applications to any one applying.

Yours truly,
 FRANK L. APPLGATE,
 Secy-Treas.

The news that the mikado of Japan has handed over the immensely valuable store of old gold and silver coins in the Japanese Imperial treasury to the National Bank for the purpose of strengthening its specie reserve, is a sign of the great sacrifices the ruler of Japan is prepared to make for the sake of his country. These old coins, some of them dating from several centuries back, have been collected by the present Mikado's ancestors, and stored for use in cases of emergency. A great many of them are specimens os the Kei Chow Kin, a large gold piece issued about 350 years ago, and said to approach nearer to pure gold than any coin ever issued. — London Express.

Nearly 50,000 pieces of odd and rare money, representing millions of dollars are stored in vaults of a St. Louis trust company preparatory to being placed on exhibition at the World's Fair. The collection contains both metal and paper money and embraces parts of some of the most valuable coin collections in the country.

A Concise History of Colonial and Continental Notes

By A C M c D O N A L D. A. S. of C. C. and A N A.

In the year of 1670 in the colony of Massachusetts, printed and issued the first series of paper money of promissory notes in America, namely; 5 shillings, 20 shillings and five pounds.

These were a very crude design and workmanship, as good implements to work with were a scarcity.

The bills are now extremely rare as the only one of the set known to numismatists, and which, neither love nor money could purchase.

Soon after this issue other colonies it seems fancied the idea, and before 1792 nearly two thousand distinct and known varieties had been issued, either by the people or by the order of his Royal Highness, Geo. Third. About one-fourth this vast amount have vanished from sight and no trace of them can be found.

Many qualities of paper were used in manufacturing these notes such as yellow, greenish, brown, white, manila, watermarked, tissue, occasionally blue and heavy card-board.

A small amount of our later-day notes were engraved and printed by Benjamin Franklin. These were eagerly sought for and greatly prized by young collectors as well as the advanced.

A few notes of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and the Continental were fair examples of Franklin's handiwork.

Odd and quaint inscriptions often appear on many notes, such as:

IT'S DEATH TO COUNTERFEIT THIS BILL.

TO COUNTERFEIT IS DEATH.

T'IS DEATH TO COUNTERFEIT.

Again, what history a person can read in our Continental notes issued to tied our country through impending crisis. A newly formed government,

(such as we once were) must have a nationally recognized currency. But such government has not the ability, generally, to issue a gold or silver coinage; hence authorized paper specie was called to take its place.

But even paper money of a newly formed government is long in being recognized by foreign nations, and will not buy foreign products; an obstacle which our forefathers soon found themselves confronted with.

Hence its face value is greatly depreciated, and the enemy of the nation circulating counterfeits still further cause its depreciation.

Strange to say—though true, the Colonial people were accepting these "notes" in change and barter from out-siders, (the later generally demanding Spanish milled silver) and were after fooled so extensively were the forged notes circulated by the active British agents and Tories.

Of course there were numerous notes issued by private concerns and banks in that century, which form a handsome addition to any collection, but the notes of the colonies offer and collector an ample field and will not "burn a hole in his pocket."

Although the writer being a general collector of everything in the antique line, secured his first note by a mere accident, it was enough to inflame his desire for collecting Colonial notes and it has never flagged.

There seems to be some strange fascination in these musty and worn old bills, which cause the interest that is taken in them.

The collector oft times sits in his den and glances over his treasures which he has hoarded for years and he thinks what strange stories he could hear if

the gems could speak. But they can not express themselves so we can only surmise their long stories.

Following is the list of the Colonies, varieties of notes, dates of issue and face values:

Col. dates of issue	face val.	known var
Conn. 1709-1791	2d.-40sh.	101
Dela. 1735-1777	3d-50sh.	60
Ga. 1749-1785	3d-\$40.09	103

About thirty of these Georgia notes were for the support of the Continental Troops.

Md. 1740-1781	3d-\$16	101
Mass. 1690-1785	2d-340 lbs	160
N. H. 1737-1780	3d-\$20	69
N. J. 1724 1786	6d-6 lbs	187
N. Y. 1709-1776	\$1 16-10 lbs	226
N. C. 1748-1785	\$1-16--\$600	157
Pa. 1723-1785	3d-\$20	290
R. I. 1715-1786	3d-420	79
S. C. 1712? 1731-1789	1sh-100 lbs	109
Vt. 1781-1783	1sh-136 lbs, 15sh 4d 9	
Va. 1755-56-57-81	1sh-\$20000.00	226

A small amount of these were for to buy army clothes for the soldiers.

Conflicting reports of issues in 1755-1769-1771, but no proof can be found.

UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL CURRENCY		
Phil.Pa.1775-1778	\$1-\$60	79
Balto.Md.1777-77	\$2-\$30	8
The United States of North America.		
1779-1779	\$1-\$80	16

TOTAL

This is a complete list of Colonial notes which shows the crude efforts made by our forefathers and their gradual advance in engraving.

Many of these notes were redeemed by the United States when they were able to issue gold and silver coinage, but the majority have remained unredeemed to this day.

In 1781 the Continental Congress chartered the Bank of North America, but its power being doubted, the bank was chartered by Pennsylvania two years later. In 1791 there were only

three banks in all the United States; those of

- Boston, Massachusetts.
- New York, New York.
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We know of the existence of many notes, as they are in the possession of many numesmatists; again we know of the issuance of others by old state records, or by the different notes which are brought to light each year.

Colonial Notes can be bought for a nominal sum, from ten cents to a dollar, unless the collector wishes to delve deeply into his hobby.

This is a short history of our Colonial Notes.

The Headline is one of the most important features of advertising. In it you often give the gist of your entire story. It should always be full of meaning and pratically tell a story in itself. It is the one thing on which to rely to catch the eye, unless of course you use an illustration; and then, in conjunction with the design it acts upon the curiosity of the reader.

Chinese Money.

The monetary unit in Cuba is the silver tael, whose value in United States money is about 70 cents. In China coins are still in circulation which bear the names of Chinese emperors who lived over two thousand years ago. The first Chinese coins known were made of copper, specimens of which, dating from 2000 years B. C. are still in use. There are numerous varieties of these coins, some of so little value that a string weighing over four and a half pounds is worth less than 25 cents. Ten thousand such coins, weighing about seventy-five pounds, which certainly none could carry in his pockets will represent about \$5 of our money. The coins in Western China have the peculiarity of having only half the value of the metal they are made of.—N. Y. Tribune.

We all believe paper money to be the invention of our modern civilized nations yet in reality it was known to the Chinese before the Christian era. While European alchemists diligently tried to convert lead into gold, the Chinese took their minds to paper and it became money. Some scholars date the first issue of paper money in China at 119 B. C.

The Japanese were the next imitators of Chinese ingenuity and for centuries paper money was commonplace in Japan. Every great lord was allowed to issue paper money and Japan is still full of these interesting bits of feudalism.

Their paper money consisted of formidable appearing cards whose values ran from one tenth to fifty cents. The designs on them were very odd and curious. The old fat god of riches seated on a throne of rice bags seemed to be the favorite. Rice, as we all know, is the staff of life for the Chinese and Japanese and often takes the place of money in paying salaries. Nothing but rice in their estimation would be a fitting throne for their god. Treasure ships, warehouses and unloading ships depicted on the bills easily led the people to accept the paper as real money.

The "money cards" varied in size from one to three inches, to 4 and eight inches. The mikado when in need of money ordered millions of these paper moneys to be printed and his scheme was quite successful, the Japanese being delighted with these artistic bits of paper. Later, however, the national currency took the place of the old bills and they became worthless except in the provinces in which they were printed. The old metallic system was also superceded by a coinage of greater beauty and uniformity. With this new system banks on the American National Bank System sprang up.

NOTE. Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. Continued from last month

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Although the first "duplex" postmark, i. e. one with the circular date mark as well as the canceller, appeared in 1860, there were also in use in that and the two following years, two varieties without cancellers. The first of these, Fig. 18, also lacked the year. It was used in 1860 and '61. The second



Fig. 18



Fig. 19

one, Fig. 19, has the year included, and was used in 1862. In 1863 the canceller was put into use again, Fig. 20. It will be seen the date circle is on a new plan, there is an inner circle, and the year is printed in the outer circle. In the same year a variation of this existed, Fig. 21. In this the inner circle is larger in proportion, and the letters are nearer to-



Fig. 20



Fig. 23

gether. These two postmarks were used during 1863 and 1864. The cancellers shown in Figs. 20 and 21, were not the only ones used with the date circles. The fact that two or three daubers were used with one circle was explained last month. Figs. 22 and 23 show two others, but several pages of cuts would not



Fig. 21



Fig. 22

illustrate all the numerous varieties, for as was said before, the postmasters probably made up a new one as soon as the old one had worn out.

"Little Grains of Sand."

By Virginia Baker

Through the medium of Dr. Watts, most of us, in early childhood became familiar with the fact that "little grains of sand" makes the "pleasant land." But how many of us realize the beauties which these same little grains of sand present for our inspection, or have any adequate idea of the various uses to which they are put by mankind?

Sand collecting will, probably, never become a fashionable "fad" like collecting souvenir postal cards, stamps, or photographs. Nevertheless to one, "who, in the love of nature, holds communion with her visible forms," even the tiniest grain of sand speaks "a various language" which if attentively listened to, can not fail to interest and instruct the hearer.

Sands are found in all parts of the world and exhibit as great a variety of distinguishing features as do rocks and minerals. Some sands are fine as pulverized sugar, others approach the coarseness of gravel. They are as many tinted as the flowers. I have a long glass tube filled with specimens of sands thrown up at Charleston, S.C., during the earthquake which occurred in that city several years ago. Among the different hues which these specimens display are white, grey, yellow, green, pink, terra cotta, brown, purple, mauve and black. Few sandhills or beaches yield sand exactly like that of any other sand hill or beach.

The sand collector's outfit may be a very simple one. Plenty of cheap envelopes, an old spoon, several dozen small bottles, and a good sized blank book are all that he actually stands in need of. Some of the envelopes may be distributed to tourist friends who will rarely object to fill-

ing them, since they occupy so little space in grips and trunks. The glass bottles may be obtained of druggists for a small sum, ten or fifteen cents per dozen, according to size. Each bottle, as filled, should be numbered, and care should be taken when arranging the cabinet to place specimens of contrasting colors side by side. By the exercise of a little good taste, beautiful color combinations may be produced.

It is a good plan to devote a few pages of the blank book to a brief description of sand. The amateur collection may easily prepare this by consulting geological works or encyclopedias. Write, also, in the book a number corresponding to that of each specimen bottled, and opposite this number jot down as many interesting facts as possible regarding that particular specimen, the locality whence it came, etc. Facts, scientific, geographical, and historical may all be noted and, oftentimes, an apt quotation, will be found to brighten the page. The collector will find his little volume a veritable "scrap-book" of information, extremely useful for "ready reference" upon various occasions.

One of Longfellow's short but beautiful poems was suggested by an hour glass containing sand from the Arabian desert.

"A handful of red sand, from the hot
clime

Of Arab deserts brought,
Within this glass becomes the spy of
Time,

The minister of thought."
What the poet wrote of the sands of Arabia is essentially true of the "little grains" gathered from any quarter of the globe. Each one is a teacher, not less eloquent because of its voicelessness, and all combine to make clear to us one of the many chapters of Nature's great encyclopedia, the universe. If we do not read the lesson aright, it is because the eyes of our soul are closed to what is best and most beautiful on earth.

Carte Mobile Trip Around the World

By M K E L L E R

England, continued.

THIRD card shows Penrith Castle, a famous ruin well known in history. High walls are seen still standing erect and firm while others are tumbled and badly fallen. Fourth, shows Beacon Pike, a large square stone structure, being used for a fireplace and having large windows above on each side screened with iron bars through which the light could be seen. The illumination serving as signals in time of war. These pikes are also called "fine signals". Another Penrith card shows a market place. A market clock built in a high tower solely by itself is seen in the market square from which run very wide and busy streets. Next card shows Eamont Bridge a two arch bridge crossing the river Eamont. The scenery as depicted on this card is truly artistic and serve for a fine painting in oil or water colors. Next we come to another romantic watering place called Ullswater Lake and the cards show the place where it flows into Eamont river as seen from Pooley Bridge. Its glints of water appearing and disappearing amid the moss covered rocks and sрубberies. Again the Ullswater is seen in full view almost entirely surrounded by mountains and hills this time viewed from Gowbarrow Park and my last and most beautiful glimpse of the lake is Stybarrow crag. A small portion of the lake is seen from out the trees, being entirely surrounded by rocks. The scene is a nature's mirror, framed most beautifully. I will briefly visit the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea near Scotland. The central part is mountainous, one point said to be 2034 feet high. One romantic scene is depicted on one card showing Sulby River, I. O. M., flowing through hill and dale. Ramsey, a seaport and fine watering place is seen on

another card showing a long pier, fine sea shore. Next we arrive at Peel, a chief fishing town in I. O. M. One card shows Peel Castle and Harbour. The castle is seen dimly in the background. A scene of the ruined cathedral is seen of the same town on another card and last but not least we see a fine view of Peel Town from the pier showing the greater part of it lying along the shore. In the distance Peel Castle can be seen, celebrated not only for its antiquity and history, but also, in more modern times as the place where Hall Caine, the author, wrote "The Manxman", "The Deemster", "The Christian", etc. Hall Caine, in fact has served to bring the Isle of Man to general notice, probably more people know of the island through his novels than ever heard of it before. Having just now received two more cards from I. O. M. I will close my trip thro' this Isle ending my visit at Dhoon Fall and Kirkbraddan. Dhoon Fall is depicted most beautifully and judging from my card I daresay that it is a very high and powerful fall, very picturesque, the description the same as that of Bridal Veil Falls, Oregon or Oira Force also in Isle of Man. Kirkbraddan is an old town, my card shows an old delapidated stone church built of rough stone very primitive in style and built on a cemetery, being surrounded by tombstones.

Next we are in Ireland, Coleraine will be one place of visit. It is situated on the Baun, noted for its linen manufactures. One card depicts an Irish spinning wheel and an old fashioned Irish lady spinning away busily. This shows Coleraine linen manufactory in the early days though very primitive and slow in comparison with its progressive linen manufactures of today. Another shows Warrenpoint Promenade. Still another shows Westgate looking east, yet another mailed from Coleraine depicts Kyles of Bute. One card depicts one of the three Killyarny lakes in Kerry, this one

is beautifully situated in the midst of wild picturesque mountains. This lake is seen almost entirely surrounded by rocks, resembling Muskoka Lakes in the highlands of Ontario. These rocks appear like ribbons intertwining in and out, some seen around dimming heights and rock bound islets. There are many lakes in Ireland but the Killarney lakes stand alone in its particular individuality and there is no other spot to be compared to it in loveliness. The old axiom "See Rome and die" does not apply to Killarney, but I would advise everybody to see Killarney before you die in order to prolong your life even if you chance to see it on a post card only. The three lakes being closely adjoined to each other are said to be an ever shifting panorama of delightful scenes in lake and stream, rocks, wood and sky. The beauties of Killarney have been quoted and sung and the good old song

"By Killarney's lakes and fells,
Emerald isles and winding bays,
Mountain paths and woodland dells,
Mem'ry ever fondly strays"

etc depicts this pleasure of paradise beautifully and Balfe the author sung its praises to perfection. Next we find ourselves in Dublin, the capital of Ireland on the Irish sea, on the Liffey. Dublin castle is before me, the residence of the viceroy. It is an ancient fortification of the 13th being restored for the viceroy. It is a beautiful structure massively built. Having just received a few more wish cards from Coleraine I will close my Ireland trip and turn a page for another country. This last Irish card shows a beautiful Irish girl (perhaps as pretty as the one who mailed it) sitting before an Irish spinning wheel outside in the dooryard of a good old substantial Irish dwelling house in the Gap of Dunloe, Killarney or Dunloe Cave. This is famous for its grand and rugged beauty being a pass of about four miles in length in Kerry County. Not so much of the beauty of the pass is to be seen on the card but a very primitive scene of a true old Ireland homestead is romantically depicted.

(To be continued.)

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

FELLOW MEMBERS K. P. S.:

Since last report we have gained two new members and several applications have been called for.

NEW MEMBERS

B T Churchward, age 49, bookkeeper, Wichita, Kan. and H A Whipple, age 30, attorney at law, Omaha, Neb.

Let every member who knows of any one who may by a little encouragement become a philatelist drop me a card for application blanks.

Yours truly,

F. J. FORD, Secy, K. P. S.

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SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since my last report from Nov. 14, I have received

21 filled books value	\$706 37
Previously reported in circ 14 val	321 10
	\$1027 47

Less 23 books returned to owners
(from which had been sold \$240 46) 634 22
Books remaining in circ 12 value \$393 26

Respectfully,

CHARLES ROEMER, Supt.

MINERALOGY

[EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines Ed.]

CINCINNATI SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.

While sojourning recently in Cincinnati we had the pleasure of examining the collection of the Society of Natural History. The collection is pretty complete in all branches but, of course, our attention was mainly directed to the geological and archaeological departments. Each department is under the direction of a gentleman versed in that branch. The geological section occupies two floors of the building and is very complete. Practically all of the more common minerals may be found there, and a great number of very rare species. We particularly noted a gigantic block of nice schist from Ft. Wrangell, Alaska, containing a great number of the famous garnets peculiar to that region. Also a slab, several feet in length, of the famous N. Carolina flexible sandstone. It was supported at one end and plainly showed its peculiar property by being displaced downward several inches in its centre.

Several selections of minerals are not yet in display but are waiting to be properly classified and labeled. These latter are very recent additions.

The archaeological collection, while not large, includes a number of Mound Builder's bones and implements from various Ohio earthworks. The largest collection of these comes from a n Indian burial ground at Madisonville, Ohio, near Cincinnati.

The palaeontological collection includes a great number of Silurian and Devonian flora and fauna. Also several large casts of the prehistoric mon-

sters of a later period of the world's history.

The society is very comfortably housed in a large five-story structure on South Broadway, a few squares from the river. It has been in existence for several decades and now has a flourishing membership, which meets once a month for general discussion. Lectures are also given at irregular periods.

CINCINNATI ZOO.

The Zoological Gardens are very extensively known all over the country, and, in fact, their collection is very complete. The gardens occupy several acres at the head of Vine street and are reached by several car lines. They are specially built houses for the various fauna. Thus the reptiles occupy a single house; so with the carnivora, monkeys, birds, etc. The buffalo, deer, wolves, foxes, eagles, bears and others are kept outside all season in specially built enclosures. A large hippopotamus last year was a recent addition to the Zoo. Taken altogether the Gardens are quite a sight to strangers and a credit to the city.

Robinson's circus, in winter quarters near the city, has an extensive zoo of its own which is well worth seeing. A little excitement was recently caused by the escape of a wild boar from its cage. It is still at large at present writing and several scouting parties have been unable to locate it, although a liberal reward has been offered.

He who expects to reap a thousand dollars' worth of profit for fifteen cents' worth of advertising is like Simple Simon, who went fishing for to catch a whale, when all the water that he had was in his mother's pail.—Mahin's Magazine.

Eighth Writers Contest *There Are No Blanks*

These contests prove so popular that, to carry out our well-known policy of endeavoring to meet our subscribers desires, we must, perforce, continue them. In submitting an article for this contest, it should be remembered that originality is the first requisite. Your ideas on a subject probably differ from others; it is your ideas that are desired. Literary training is a secondary consideration. The highest awards have been taken in previous competitions by those who had never before written for publication. Forego hesitation.

AWARDS

1 Stamps, the winners selection, to catalogue value of \$25.00

2 Subscription to the WEST for life \$10.00

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4 Stamps, choice lot, our selection, catalogue value \$5.00

5 Stamps, desirable, our selection, catalogue value \$2.00

The above awards will be made in the order indicated. Entrance and the selection of the winners governed by the following.

RULES

1 Only subscribers are eligible.

2 Name and address of the author must appear at the top of the first page of the article.

3 Contestants are requested to use paper the ordinary letter head size (about 8x11).

4 Each article should contain not less than 400 nor more than 900 words.

5 The article submitted some one of the following subjects are suggested: "Why I Collect Stamps"; "Philately a Necessity"; "Speculation Champion-

ed"; "My Favorite Country"; "Necessary Reforms"; "Personal Reminiscences"; "Why I collect coins, curios, relics, photographs, souvenir cards."

6 Each article submitted becomes the property of the WEST.

7 The editorial staff of the WEST sit as judges.

8 All articles must be addressed to Contest Editor, The WEST, Superior, Neb., and must be mailed on or before April 29, 1904.

The new issue of British florins bears on the obverse a figure of Britannia for which Miss Susan Hicks-Beach, daughter of the recent Chancellor of the Exchequer, posed. The Dutchess of Portsmouth has been the Britannia on all British copper coins since Charles II, Mrs. Martha Washington used to beam from the United States Treasury notes, sometimes alone in her maternal glory, and at others in company with President George Washington. A century ago the Rothschilds similarly adorned their notes with the benevolent face of Baroness de Rothschild, and in 1897 the State Bank of Budapest engraved the radiant countenance of Mme. Luise Blaha, the prima ponna, on its ten thousand golden notes.—N. Y. Tribune.

ILLUSTRATIONS

If you can afford an illustration, by all means use one. A cut, no matter how small, increases the attractiveness and consequently the effectiveness of an advertisement; It will stand out far more prominently than any type can make it; you can often make your argument or the principal features of your goods so evident that very little if any written demonstration is required. Pictures always create prestige and inspire more or less confidence. They show the advertiser to be a man of push and energy, and both characteristics produce respect.

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REPORT OF SALES SUPT.

In circ. Jan. 31 32 books val \$ 1217.33

Rec'd in Feb. 46 " " 486.11

78 " " 1703.44

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In circ. Mch. 1 48 " " 1469.84

Of retired books \$63.14 were sold.

H. Wendt, Dunlap, Ia.

Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents; annual dues, 50c. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks.

All honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

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Pres. Chandlee publish reports that complaints of Morey of Boston on C

Wilson; 129 Bigger St. Hutchinson Kans, account due. Is same party, that Green of Chicago reported last fall, also reports G D Vail, Bushnell, Ill box 424. Mekeels Weekly collector reports Standard Stamp Co by H Flack-skamm convicted as fraud by U. S. court in Ill. Sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Postmaster reports to Worden of Ohio that Lyceum Stamp Co of Lexington, Ky, run by fellow named Leaming .

We have not heard from Pickard or Slusser. On one lady of this state if paid or not, will get in next number, if not. Bartels of Boston, New England Stamp Co and others sent in reports regards Wolle looks much like the one WEST had last year caught at Omaha.

Always glad to hear particulars of any you think is fraud of both collectors and dealers.

REPORT SALES DEPARTMENT

23 books in circulation Feb. \$ 102.72

15 " Received service value 109.61

38 " circulation Apr 1 1904 212.33

Should like to hear from more members desiring to use the sales department you can buy stamps as cheap if not cheaper than from dealers and you usually have from 600 to 1000 varieties to select from. I have plenty of books now and could use 50 new names. Blank books 6 for 10 cents.

Respectfully, W A Kelley,
Sales Dept.

3222 Peery Ave. Kansas City, Mo.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT—NEW MEMBERS.

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86.—W G Boebinger, 904 Vine St. Cincinnati, Ohio.

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89.—John Sohn, Deadwood, S D.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

92.—R W Ashcroft, 329-78th St. Brooklyn, N Y, Manager, age 29. Ref. W H Barnum, Oney K Cartasphen.

93.—R F Baldwin, 191-5th St Chicago Ill, Journalist. Ref. S E Moisant, C W Abbott.

94.—S L Irvine, Sta G Washington, D C Gov't Clerk, age 28. Ref. S E Moisant, Wm v d Wettem.

95.—S Wylie, 15 Grosvenor W Sydney N S W Australia, Importer. Age 42. Ref. A W Dunning, R S Dunn.

95.—J Clifford Miller, Coal Valley, Pa, Bookkeeper, age 29. Ref. W H Barnum, S E Moisant.

97.—W. Hr Hetherington, 400 Merchant St. Kankakee, Ill. Salesman, age 18. Ref. S E Moisant, H B De Selm.

98.—L G French, 249 Quinby Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Contractor, age 31. Ref. W H Barnum, H C Crowell.

99.—D. H. Berger, 934 Church St.,

Flint, Mich. Ref. S E Moisant, W E Martin.

100.—N W Mercor, Bellevue, Wash. Minister. Age 63. Ref. S E Moisant, H P De Selm.

101.—R Van Benschoten, Hudson, N Y Stamp Dealer, Ref. S E Moisant, W H Hollenbeck.

102.—R Van Pirch, Berlin, Ont, Can. Clergyman, age 48. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

103.—H F Coleman, 725-11th St. N W Washington, D. C., Stamp Dealer, age 37. Ref. S. F. Moisant, H B DeSelm.

Change of address. A W Dunning from Newton, Mass. to care of Contts & Co., 59 Strand, London, Eng.

Respectfully submitted,
S E MOISANT, Sec.

L. H. Lotw's Sale In New York City

February 27th was, of its class, one of the very best ever held. The attendance was above the average and the competition quite as strong as one would expect at a sale in which there were so many choice lots.

There was a revival of the old interest in Masonic Medals, the prices recorded, in some instances broke the records, and the average the highest yet realized at public sale.

The Colonial Notes had among them a few which have not been on the market in many years, and they found ready buyers at what should be termed good prices, although one would wait a lifetime to secure such again.

The U. S. gold coins were actively sought and brought good prices: lot No. 561, Half Eagle, 1796 (large eagle) \$74, and was well worth the sum paid.

All in all, sales of this sort are a real stimulus to the collecting fraternity. The diversity of representation afforded an opportunity for almost every collector to secure something in which he was interested.

THE PHILATELIC FISCAL SOCIETY.

Organized for the benefit of, and in the interests of Collectors of the Fiscal Stamps of All Nations.

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Official Journal—The Philatelic West, For further information and application blanks address the Secretary.

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These members have been notified twice by mail, and twice in the Official Journal and have failed to remit.

Any wishing to be reinstated should remit at once.

I am having a new lot of application blanks printed and will send a few to each member, and wish every member would try to get at least one new member. A lot have dropped out this year and we need more members.

A large number of the members dropped for non-payment of dues are not collectors of fiscal stamps and only joined the society for "honor" of being a member. It is better to have a few members interested than a long list who do not think of it except once a year, to pay their dues.

Our treasury is in better condition than it has ever been, the Exchange Department is doing a large business and we look forward to our most prosperous year.

Address all communications to Raymond Wilcox, Secretary.

An advertisement that makes people talk will pay the advertiser—if people are made to talk about the right thing.

The largest gold coin in existence, it may be mentioned, is the Annamese "loof." It is worth about \$315, and its value is written across the face of it in Indian ink. Notwithstanding this precaution, however, they are not looked kindly upon by Europeans, for the natives have a habit of sawing the huge coin in two and scooping out the interior gold.

Leo XIII. was the first pope in over six hundred years who did not contribute to the coinage of the world.

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Aribo Guadalajara, Mexico Age 24.
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A J Kirby from 30 Ash St. Fall River, Mass., to North Tirerton R. I.

Members should send in their dues for 1904 now. All members who do not pay up on time will not have use of the official organ. W P Kelley,

Sec.-Treas.

3222 Peery Ave. Kausas City, Mo.

An occasional dealer is found that decides that "It is no use to advertise. I have all the customers now. What can be the use in spending money in urging present customers to trade with me?" On the surface this sounds very well. A second thought of a good business man will reveal the fact that no man has all the trade or like concerns would not exist. It is a parallel example to think of two traps being set for rabbits. One of them contains bait, the other one empty. Continual and effective advertising, is the "bait" that any concern can use.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLUVE, San Francisco

Cameras 4x5 and smaller, admitted free at St. Louis Exposition.

My First Camera And Why I Failed With It.

By F. E. Halbert
South Berwick, Maine.

In my own defence I will explain that my first camera was not of the best. It is a serious enough undertaking, having to contend with one's own ignorance of photographic manipulation without being further handicapped by a poor camera and thereby complicating troubles and multiplying them indefinitely. This first camera of mine was a kodac film loaded, press-the-button affair that was supposed to take real snap shots but to shoot an object with it was no snap. I started out with all confidence in the capabilities of my little black box as well as in my own ability as an amateur photographer. I had some very nice photographs and was finding a ready sale for them at good prices—in my mind. What a vast difference there is between anticipation and realization, particularly in photography.

The camera was ordered but before its arrival, typhoid fever placed me in the hospital. When again able to be about I was impatient to begin the practice of photography. The roll of twenty-five negatives (?) did not last very long. Deciding to develop and print my own pictures, I took the developing outfit, which included a paper lamp, into a small clothes closet that

I had selected for a dark room and then sat down on the floor and went to work. It would do you good to have seen that first film, although it did me but little good at the time. But say! those first negatives were a sight. I tried to follow all the printed directions most carefully but those negatives ran throughout the entire scale of shades from white fog to shoe-blackening. The ebony tinted ones were the result of my trying a few time exposures. Yes, they were evidently given plenty of time. The "snaps" were little better. They were a lot of over-developed, under exposed, measley, curly, spotted somethings that might have been smoked paper. I sat there and reviewed the results of my labor, wondering what was the matter with the dashed blamed things anyhow. I know now. Some of the "snaps" showed a little of the image here and there in spots. A few seemed to represent hay-stacks being carried away by a cyclone.

I still had faith in the camera, for it had cost me fifteen dollars. I carefully placed another roll of film in position and again went forth, this time choosing my subjects with the eye of an artist. A professional was instructed to develop the roll and print such as might be good. I think I got about six out of the twenty-five. The remainder were, well—the same story over again only perhaps not quite as bad as the previous roll. A few good
(Concluded under Illinois college notes)



INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCHANGE.

With which is Amalgamated the World-wide Photo-Exchange

Organized for the purpose of affording its members easy facilities for exchanging photographic prints, and for mutual improvement in the art. President, G. C. Kirkland, Denver, Colo. Vice-President, A. T. Brown, Acton, Ont. Can Sec'y, Fayette J. Clute, San Francisco, Cal.

Yearly dues, including exchange notice and subscription to the monthly journal, "The International Photographic Exchange," 25 cents. All who subscribe for, or renew their subscription to the WEST, by sending 50c to Secretary Fayette J. Clute, Marye Terrace, San Francisco, Cal. will be allowed an exchange notice, and full membership in the I. P. E., and receive both publications for one year. Unless the above rule is complied with and subscriptions sent to the secretary, membership cannot be obtained without payment of regular dues.

Note.—W. W. P. E. and I. P. E. members are cautioned not to write these new members with out first consulting the regular "Exchange Notices" accompanying their names in the current issue of the "PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCHANGE" as many of them desire only a certain class of prints, lantern slides or stereoptic pictures, and will not honor requests in which such notices have been ignored.

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NOTES FROM THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

One of the most interesting groups ever made in the skylight room was that in which one representative from each state as well as a representative of each foreign country, was included. There were thirty-two states of the Union represented and six foreign countries. New York holds the palm for the largest attendance from any one state, and Illinois comes a close second.

There are quite a number of photographic stock houses throughout the country that are selling a portrait lens working at f5 with 1.5 inch focus, the 8x10 selling for \$60. Quite a number of our students have bought these lenses, and here is a tip for you: If you have an 8x10 of these lenses and wish to make an 11x14 or 14x17 nega-

tive, take out the entire rear combination, using only the front set, and the result will astonish you. The writer saw work at one of the conventions made in this manner by one of the officers of the National Association that was admired by all for its brilliancy, softness, detail and perfect rendering of illuminations from the highest lights to the lowest shadows. We have used lenses before in this way, but not so satisfactorily as in this case.

Here is another tip: This time it is for lighting white drapery, to keep it from developing so far ahead of the face that it becomes "chalky": Make a frame (similar in shape to the vignette board used in front of the lens to vignette off the lower part of the figure) but have just the frame of this board. It can be cut out of a board or made of wire. On this frame stretch a thickness of black veiling, which can be secured at the dry goods store. Now use this screen exactly as you use your vignette board, only raise it so the entire drapery is covered with it. The veiling does not stop out the light from the drapery, but regards it, making it register slower. Some exquisite effects can be obtained by using two or three thicknesses of veiling, each succeeding thickness being about one inch less in width, which will give the effect of gradual reduction in intensity as it goes toward the base of the picture.

The latest addition to the faculty of the new Bissell College of Photo-Engraving is Mr. Dudley K. Ladd, of New York, an expert photo-engraver with years of experience in the various departments. Among other things, Prof. Ladd is master of the three color work and will give much additional strength to the corps of instructors.

We recently received a visit from

Mr. Amando Cespedes of San Jose, Costa Rica, one of our students of 1900. Mr. Cespedes has been appointed one of three commissioners at the World's Fair at St. Louis, representing Costa Rica.

The catalogue of the Bissell College of Photo-Engraving has been received from the printers and is now ready for distribution.

Prof. Cook will give a talk and demonstration at the coming convention of the Photographers of Northern Michigan. A novel feature of the demonstration will be an arrangement of the dark-room whereby each one will develop his own negative and Mr. Cook will be in their midst, telling how to do it. It is a practical idea that has often been proposed for conventions but never put into practice.

(MY FIRST CAMERA ETC. Concluded) ones were exposures that had been made directly after a shower of rain when the atmosphere was most clear. That camera would not take a descent picture if there was any trace of haze in the air.

One day I arranged a group of school children with their teacher standing behind them in the doorway of the building, but she failed to show up on the negative—or the children either. In reply to the school ma'am's question I answered that I did not know how long they would have to wait before seeing the picture. They are waiting yet. I was not always careful about background in those days. In one of my efforts a trick bicycle rider was made to appear as if suspended from a clothes reel by the seat of his riding costume. In pressing the button I almost invariably moved the camera in such a way as to secure somewhat hazy yet effective results; so effective that it actually made one dizzy to look

at some of them. After using up the third roll of film I traded off that camera to a fellow who threw it in the ash-barrel a little later. My end of the swap turned out just as disappointing.

Mounting Small Prints.

A very rich and effective method of mounting prints, particularly those of a small size, is to be found in indenting or countersinking a plate mark somewhat larger than the print into surface of the mount itself. This may be done in the following manner: First secure three pieces of zinc or heavy block tin, two of which should be the same size as the mount to be treated and the third of the exact size and shape that the plate mark is desired to be when finished. The edges and corners of this third plate should be carefully rounded off so that no cutting edges are left and the family wringing machine clamped in position for use. Next select paper or card mount which is intended to be treated and pass it several times through the wringer between three or four sheets of blotting paper which has been thoroughly wet. After the mount is evenly damped in this way place it between the two larger sheets of metal, with the smaller piece on top of the card in the exact position on the mount where the plate mark is desired, and holding them firmly so that the small piece of metal does not slide out of its position, run them through the wringer backward and forward three or four times.

The result will be a very effective countersunk plate mark, in which the print will show to great advantage.

An Easy Way to Apply Backing.

Place the plate in a printing frame, glass side out, with a piece of pure lintless blotter between the film of plate and back of frame, when the frame is closed the backing may be put on without fear of getting on the wrong side. I. P. E. 357.

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Two Bonaparte mansions at Bordentown, N. J. One a mansion of Joseph Bonaparte Ex-King of Naples and Spain, and brother of General Napoleon Bonaparte. The other is known as the residence of Zen aide as daughter of Joseph and the French Princessa.

Taken by Morris C Runyan, Jr.



Taken by L. C. Wheeler



Transparencies on fogged plates—Plates that have been fogged in any way can be utilized for the production of transparencies by first exposing them to lamp light or gaslight for one or two minutes, so that they may be uniformly fogged and then immersing them for eight or ten minutes in a solution containing copper chloride 50 grammes (or 350 grains), potassium bromide 6 grammes (or 42 grains), water 1,000 cc (or 16 ozs.) This operation and the subsequent through washing in water that is necessary, are conducted in orange light. The plates, when dried, are comparatively insensitive, and with ordinary negatives require an exposure of from twenty to 30 seconds in diffused daylight, or from two to five minutes at a distance of about 12 inches from an ordinary 12 in. from an ordinary lamp or gas flame. Any developer may be used, provided that it contains a fair proportion of bromide.

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A Flashlight Hint.

Diffusion of light from the discharge of a flash powder is one of the most important elements of successful lighting of the portrait sitter. If the light is allowed to fall directly upon the features without the interposition of a screen or diffusing medium the shadows will be much too sharply cut and the whole effect of the portrait will be black and white instead of being characterized by soft gradations. A piece

of thin linen or cheesecloth spread tightly on a frame or suspended between the source of light and the sitter's face tends to soften the shadows very materially and give a much more pleasing effect.

In photographic interiors, this tendency to harshness asserts itself particularly where the size of the room is such that a single flash is not sufficient to penetrate into the deeper parts. In such cases a partial exposure should be made by the use of daylight, and after the plate has been nearly exposed a flash powder should be set off and the exposure finished by the light thus obtained.

An important part of this procedure is to locate the flash so that it shall illuminate the view from the same general direction as that from which the exposure was begun. This will do away with cross lights and shadows running in opposite directions and will give a brighter and more snappy look to the interior than if the exposure is carried out entirely by the aid of the daylight.

The beginner is warned in this, as in all other flash-light work, that due precaution be exercised against fire and also against an explosion of the flash compound itself. Most of those obtainable at the supply stores are practically safe if the printed directions accompanying them are carefully observed.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
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G. R. F.: AN EFFECTIVE BORDER: This correspondent sends a small print received from abroad and wishes to know how the black border line with white margin is made.

The black line immediately surrounding the print is made by using a knife and straight edge and removing the film from the negative to the desired width all around. Outside of this line the negative may be made to print white by being covered by strips of lantern-slide binding. For some subjects this method will be found most effective, and will repay the trouble taken to prepare the negative.

W. J. F.: MEASUREMENT OF SHUTTER SPEED: Invert a bicycle and fasten to the rear tire by wax or tape a brass ball or button, a lens or some other convex reflecting surface. Set up the camera with the lens exactly in the line of the axis of the wheel. The position of both should be such that the reflection of the sun should be visible on the ground glass. Holding a watch to one's ear, practice turning the wheel by means of the pedal so that the pedal shall make one revolution during four ticks of the watch, or four fifths of a second. This will be easy after two or three minutes' practice. Now divide the number of teeth on the front sprocket by the number on the rear sprocket. This is the number of revolutions of the

wheel in four-fifths or .8 seconds. Divide 0.8 by this number and it will give the time of revolution of the wheel. Make the exposure and develop, and either on the plate or a print draw radii of the circle through the extreme points of the streak showing the movement of the spot of flight. Measure this angle either by a protractor or by constructing its sine, and find what proportion it is of the whole circumference. The time of exposure will be the same proportion of the time of revolution of the wheel.

Save Your Spoiled Film.

Talking about saving things, let me suggest that the celluloid films which you throw away may be put to good use as well as glass plates. Clean the emulsion off and then dissolve them in acetone until you have a solution of about the consistency of thin syrup. You can coat a pasteboard box cover with this varnish and then use it for a tray; give your transparencies a coat of it and they can then be wiped off with a wet rag when soiled; give your bottle labels a coat of it and they will not become stained or soak off; in fact, you will find hundreds of uses to which this solution can be put. It could no doubt be colored and used to coat clear glass for the ruby lamp. Diluted somewhat, it would make a fine protection for prints liable to be soiled or scratched. Used for this purpose, the excess should be carefully blotted off before allowing it to dry. I think a trial would convince any one of the desirability of keeping it always on hand. It could be made useful in other parts of the house, and thus perhaps lessen the contempt felt by certain members of the household for "those photographic chemicals."—
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course, when the negatives have been developed in a strip. I used a washing tank six feet long and four feet wide, and in the four years I have used it I have never had a single mishap nor a cause for complaint.

A hardener which I use constantly in summer for plates and film follows:

Into an 8x10 tray nearly filled with water I place one-half ounce of Scherings Formalin. Then I take the negatives from the fixing bath, wash off the surplus hypo and immerse in the above hardener for about two minutes. The usual washing completes the operation. The negative will have taken on a slightly brownish tint, which is, of course, beneficial in printing.

If my readers will take the precaution to carry a sheet or two of paraffined, or waxed paper, and a small piece of hard glue in their carrying cases, much trouble and loss of temper might sometime be saved. I was caught unprepared once, and have had occasion to make use of this little scheme several times since by unfortunately breaking a grounded glass. Unless your glass is splintered so that it falls out, put your paper on the side of the glass that has the ground surface, and secure by either heat or glue. If your glass is entirely out of the frame, wet the glue and smear on the recess for the glass, put the paper in and hold a warm finger on the corners until secure. This paper may be readily attached to a piece of clear glass by gentle heat and slight pressure. I usually place the clear glass between two of my holders in the case, and no extra room is taken up.

Finally, let me impress upon you the advantage of using the clearness with which a view is seen on the ground glass, in connection with your exposure tables or meter. A dull image, even though the light be good in other surrounding places' means more time, and for scenes in the woods, expose for the shadows and detail—the high lights will come right later on in developing and printing.

Hints From My Own Practice.

By *George D. Steele.*

A few methods which are in every day used by me in my photographic work may possibly prove beneficial to some of my fellow members. With this hope in view, I will numerate one or two of them.

An easy and also sure way of washing film negatives (and actually removing every trace of hypo) is to pin the film to a board about one-half inch in thickness, and of sufficient length and breadth to extend slightly beyond the edges of the film. Place your hand in a bathtub with the film down. There is no danger of the film being scratched; six to ten strips, if necessary, may be washed at once in the tub; the hypo, being of greater density than water, falls to the bottom and is carried away at once; less sediment will be deposited on the delicate gelatine than by having a direct stream of water strike it. Washing in this way applies, of



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soft and pleasing effect that is lacking in some of the "smooth" developing papers. Send to the M. H. Kuhn Company for a sample and give it a trial. It might be just what you are looking for. The prices are tempting.

I wish the readers of WEST would come to me a little oftener for advice. I know I can help a great many of them. It will cost you but the time and a two cent stamp to find out you are one of these "great many." I do not put one-tenth of the answers written for WEST readers in the "Answers" department. I answer a great many letters with information that is not of general interest. Let me hear from you even if you have no questions to ask. At the same time you will find that you will not write much of a letter without asking some kind of a question. Write the letter, try it and see. F. J.C.

Window Transparencies.

The simplest and easiest method of producing transparencies is the platinotype process, especially for large work. Prints are made—very slightly overprinted—and may either be mounted between glass just as they are, or may be rendered more translucent by waxing. For this purpose a little paraffin wax is melted, and a piece of blotting paper impregnated thoroughly with it. This and the print are then placed in contact between clean paper and well ironed with a flat iron, not too hot, until the print has been very evenly waxed. If too much wax is applied it may be removed by placing the print between blotting paper and ironing again.

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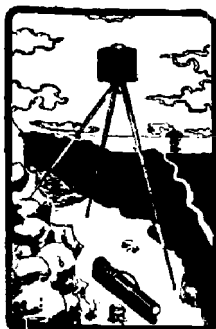
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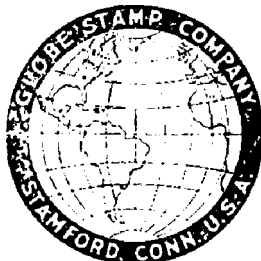
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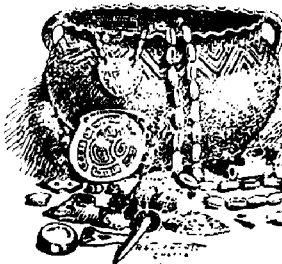
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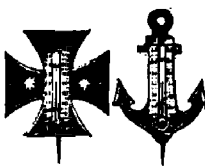
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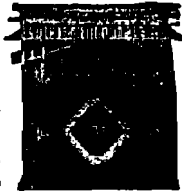
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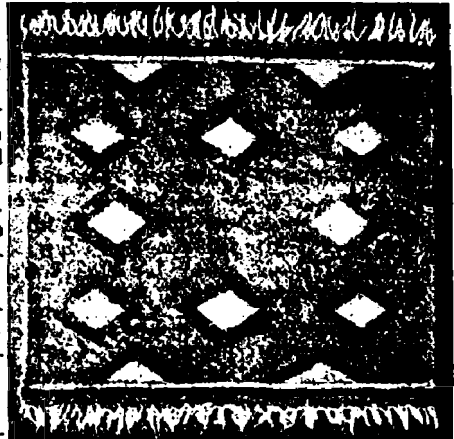
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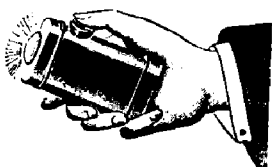
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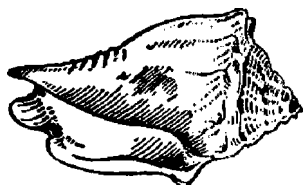
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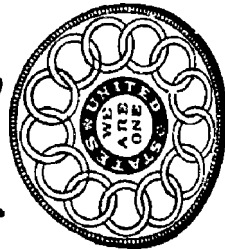
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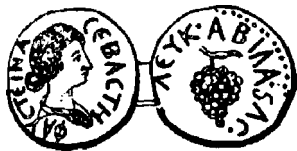
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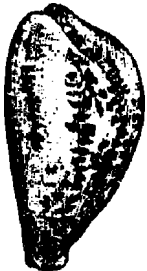
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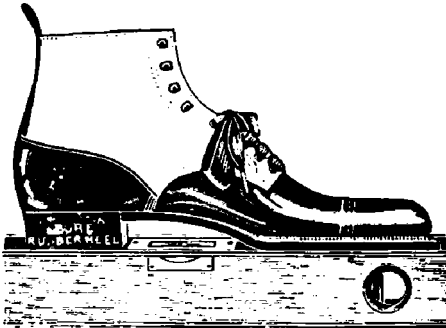
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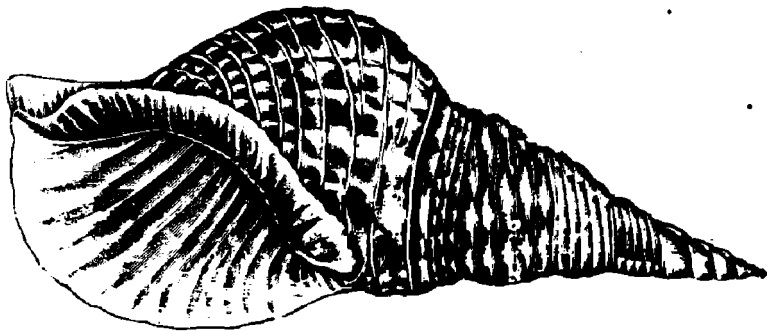
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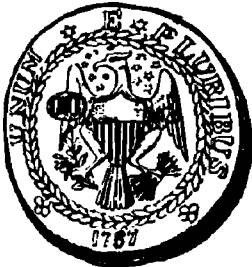
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1000 U S stamps	12
1/4 pound U S stamps 35 var	10
1 set used Pan American	10
1 set unused Pan American	45
1-5c Blue Taylor	04
1-15c orange 1873	25
1 blue 2c playing card	10
1 green 3c " "	2 50
10 2c vermilion '75 & '79 mixed	10
10 2c carmine 1890 5 left 2 caped 5 left and right 2 caped	10
1st issue 2c certificate orange cut	07
1000 Omega hinges	07
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Century Stamp Co,
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Omaha, Neb.

	Per 10	Per 100	Per 1000
Guatemala bird 1902 unused	\$ 04	\$ 30	
" pictorial " "	05	45	
" " 6 var 1c to 20c unused sets	90	8 00	
Mexico new issue 5c yellow	02	15	1 50
" 3c brown	04	35	2 75
" 2c red	05	60	
" 1c green eagle	02	12	1 00
Cuban Revenues assorted new		15	1 50
1c brown B Bendell & Co, matches	15		
1c green Jas L Clark	15		
5c blue A Daugherty, good seller	10	1 00	
Guatemala 5c blue 1900 new	45		
German 1900 25-30-40-50-80pf 1 & 2 marks cat 35c sets	90	8 75	

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T W O C E N T S E A C H

U S Special Del, orange
 U S Rev 1898 40c blue lilac
 U S Rev 1898 \$3.00 brown
 Argentine 1899 20c claret
 Austria 1900 2k gray lilac
 Bahamas 1884 2½c blue
 " 1902 2½c "
 Barbados 1882 2½c "
 Brazil 1878 50c blue
 Br Honduras 1891 2c rose
 Bulgaria 1896 15s purple
 Cape of Good Hope 1885 6d violet
 " " " " 1881 3d no 36
 " " " " 1891 4d blue
 *Columbian Rep 1902 10c pink no 803
 " " 1903 20c blue no 315
 Panama 1892 5c blue
 " " 10c yellow
 Costa Rica 1901 10c
 Cuba 1899 2½ on 2c U S
 " " 3c dark brown
 Danish West Indies 1873 10c
 Dominican Rep 1901 5c
 Dutch Indies 1892 30c green
 " " 1899 12½ on 12½

T H R E E C E N T S E A C H

U S 1898 rev 5 00 orange cut
 " 1900 " 5.00 gray "
 Barbados 1897 2½ blue
 Br Honduras 1902 5c King's Head
 Canada 1887 8c orange
 Cape of Good Hope 1893 1sh buff
 " " " " 1898 4d olive
 Curacao 1900 25c carmine and blue
 Dutch Indies 1899 20c on 20c
 " " " 25c on 25c
 Hayti 1887 5c green

F O U R C E N T S E A C H

U S 1895 50c orange
 Barbados 1874 ½c yellow green
 Br Guiana 1898 2c on 15c no 154
 Br Honduras 1891 6c ultramarine
 Bulgaria unpaid 1886 5s orange
 " " " 25s lake
 Cape of Good Hope 1902 3d violet
 Curacao 1902 3d violet
 Dutch Indies 1899 50c on 50c
 Guatemala 1903 25c on 1c green
 " " 25c on 2c carmine

Dutch Indies 1899 15c on 15c
 Ecuador 1901 10c blue and black
 Guatemala 1895 1c on 5c no 55
 * " 1902 5c no 116
 * " 1902 6c no 117
 Hawaii 1894 1c yellow
 Hayti 1899 5c blue
 " 1898 10c orange red
 Mexico 1899 20c rose and blue
 Netherlands 1864 10c lake
 " 1899 20c green
 " 1899 22½ brown and green
 Newfoundland 1898 3c orange
 *New South Wales official 1d no 323
 * " " unpaid 1d green
 New Zealand 1891 2½ blue
 Philippine 2c Aguinaldo
 Queensland 1898 4d yellow
 " 1898 6d green
 St Settlements 1883 10c slate
 " 1887 10c on 24c green
 Venezuela 1893 25c no 118
 " 1896 25 yellow
 " 1900 50c no 152

F I V E C E N T S E A C H

Hayti 1891 5c orange
 " 1898 8c carmine
 Jamaica 1885 3d olive green
 Mexico 1899 15c lavender and claret
 Netherlands 1888 7½ brown
 Newfoundland 1898 5c blue
 Now South Wales 1882 3d green
 *Niger Coast 1897 ½c green
 Porto Rico 1879 25c blue
 " 1890 ½m black
 Queensland 1891 2½ rose
 Guatemala 1902 50c no 120
 Hayti 1881 2c blue
 *New South Wales official 2d blue no 321
 New Zealand 1891 5d gray
 Peru 1902 22c green
 Queensland 1896 2½ rose
 " 1895 5 brown no 106
 Siam 1896 4atts on 12a no 44
 Trinidad 1898 2d no 84
 Wurtemberg 1875 2mks no 64

S E T S

	Cat p.	My price
U S Columbian issue 1 to 10c	\$ 26	\$ 10
" Omaha issue 1 to 10c	21	10
" Pan American issue comp	19	10
" 1903 issue 1c to 13c	12	06
" 1898 revenues 20 var	60	15
Bulgaria unpaid 1886 5 and 25	24	10
" " '96 5, 10 and 30	19	08

	Cat p.	My price
Bulgaria unpaid 1887 5 and 25	5 15	\$ 06
Newfoundland '98 ½ to 5, 5 var	19	05
*Greece unpaid 1902 1-2-3-5-10		08
Salvador 1900 nos 270 to 276		20
*Venezuela 1880, var	1 39	40
Transvaal 1902 ½-1-2-2½		06

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Nicaragua 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4c	- .10
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DON'T MISS THESE BARGAINS

15 varieties war revenues mostly large ones	.09
United States 1862-2c black	.04
" " 1873-15c orange	.08
" " 1890-30c black	.04
" " 1882- 6c rose	.04
" " 1903-13c black	.02
" " 1895 \$1.00 black	.18
1898-80c Doc. Rev	.04
" -3.00 " " Brown uncut	.04
" -5.00 " " Red uncut	.06
" -10.00 " " Blk "	.13
1900- 5.00 " " Grey cut	.05
5 var Telegraph Franks set	.06
2c Certificate orange	.17
2c Playing card blue	.10
60c Inland Exchange	.07
2.00 Mortgage	.07
2.00 conveyance	.04
3 00 Manifest	.08
30c orange and black 3rd issue	.11
Mexico 1899 set 1 to 20c 7 var	.08
Nyassa Giraffe 7 varieties	.15
Honduras 1902 5 var	.08
Montenegro 10 var.	20c
Bulgaria 30 var.	25c
Persia 10 var.	13c
Antioqua 7 var. Cat. 40c	.08
Congo Tiger 8 var unused	.04
Malay Tiger 6 var unused	.15
Paraguay 10 var used	.15
Ecuador Jubilee issue complete	.16

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U S 1851 5c red brown o g	\$33.00
" 1857 10c black pair o g	17.00
" 1851 10c green o g	4.35
" 1857 10c " strip of 3, used	.50
" 1869 10c used	.37
" 15c framed used	.70
" 1879 5c blue o g	.40
1c slate	.90
15c Justice	1.90
30c "	8.25
15c var incl Depts	.55

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We Need the
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Cost price	Selling price
50.00	Caligraph No 2 Typewriter \$25.00
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Our \$2.00 packet this month contains the following stamps

- 10 s Egypt Salt
- Portugal
- aria
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- ell at 2c
- la new
- 10
- 5 lb
- 10 5c Sa ador
- 10 sets Nicaragua

Chas. C. Gallagher and Co.,
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Stamp Brokers

I would like to correspond with persons learning Spanish. Percy Bickle, Glenwood, Mo.

Will trade the following for precancelled stamps. Write telling us what you have. Magic lantern with slides. Zimmerman Auto Harp. Solar Gas Bicycle Lamp. 3 copies St Nicholas 1863. New England Almanac 1865. U S and foreign stamps etc Send us 100 U S and receive 9c cat value in stamps. Manley Stamp Co. Sharon, Vermont

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- 50 mixed 3 cents
 - 100 " 5 "
 - 150 " 3 "
- Postage 2 cents extra
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 - 3c rose emb 12x14.....\$1 00
 - 2c Jackson emb 11x13.....15c
 - 5c red brown emb 8x13.....\$1 50
 - *2c 1870 unused emb.....2 00
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225 on sheets cat \$5.00..... 29c
 Album, 200 stamps, 1000 hinges 19c
 \$2.00 cat value on sheets 19c
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**Rare U. S. Revs
 At 1/2 Cat**

W T Blow, 1c green, old paper, cat
 \$1.50, my price 50c
 Wanted: Will pay cash for proofs of
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 Antikannia 2 1/2c red, cat 25c 5c
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U. S. Revenues, 1861

60, 70, 80 per cent commission

\$5 2nd issue 1861, cat 1	25	25
5 " " " " "	75	15
3 3rd " " " " "	1 50	30
5 " " " " "	75	15
30c " " " " "	25	08
40c " " " " "	75	20
\$1 Mortgage " " "	3 00	80
1 Passage tic " " "	6 00	1 60
50c For'n Ex " " "	50	10
2c Orange Cert 1861 cat 40		15
1 packet of U S rev 1861 cat 1.00		20
1 set of U S rev 1898 1/2-\$1 incl.		08
1 " Bulgaria, 4 var.		03
1 " Sweden, 11 " "		05
1 " U S army franks, 3 var.		03
1 " Kings Heads, 5 var		04
1000 Omega Hinges, only		06
100 var foreign stamps [fine]		05
300 mixed " " "		06
100 blank app sheets [best]		25
\$5 orange 1898 rev uncut cat 25c.		08
3 brown " " " " "		15c 1 05

Agents Wanted

50 per cent commission, ref required

Cooley Bros.,

8-10 Noyes St., Utica, N. Y.

Sweden

	Each	Per 10
3 Sk Bco	\$9 00	
4 " "	04	35
4 " " grey	35	
6 " "	2 60	
8 " "	1 00	
24 " "	6 50	
Local Blk	80	
5 ore shield	03	25
9 " "	65	
12 " "	01	05
24 " "	04	35
10 on 12 Blue	02	15
10 " 24	08	
1 krona 1900	02	15
24 ore unpaid	12	
2 " Posthorn	02	18
6 " "	05	45

NORWAY

8 Sk 1863 each	13
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FINLAND

20 P	06
32 P	12
10 K Blue	05



**Oscar Bernstrom,
 Poughkeepsie, N.Y.**

WHILE THEY LAST

U. S. POSTAGE

5c 1847.....	\$ 75	\$ 31
1c 1869.....	60	21
10c " seconds.....	17	
24c " ".....	5 00	2 30
7c Stanton.....	65	27
50c 1895.....	15	06
\$1.00 ".....	50	21

U. S. DEPARTMENTS

1c Post Office.....	40	16
6c " ".....	15	06
15c " ".....	1 00	36
24c " ".....	1 00	36
50c " ".....	1 00	36
90c " ".....	2 00	80
1c State.....	2 50	1 05
6c " ".....	75	26
10c " ".....	2 50	1 00
7c Treasury.....	1 50	63
90c " ".....	60	25
2c Navy.....	50	25
10c " ".....	2 00	80
12c " ".....	1 50	54
15c " ".....	3 00	1 15
2c Justice.....	3 00	1 25
3c " ".....	2 00	78
6c " ".....	1 00	40
12c " ".....	3 00	1 20

U. S. REVENUES, PERF.

2c Playing Card, orange.....	50	20
2c " " blue.....	25	10
2c Certificate, orange.....	40	16
3c Telegraph.....	25	10
5c Playing Card.....	75	21
10c Foreign Exchange.....	40	18
50c " ".....	1 50	62
50c " ".....	50	18
50c Lease.....	40	18
\$1.00 Probate of Will.....	1 25	55
Manifest.....	60	21
5.00 Charter Party.....	25	10
5.00 Conveyance.....	15	06
5.00 Mortgage.....	90	38
10.00 Charter Party.....	1 00	40
10.00 Probate of Will.....	85	35
3c Second Issue.....	35	14
4c " ".....	60	25
6c " ".....	2 00	80
24c " ".....	20	08
30c " ".....	75	29
60c " ".....	75	29
70c " ".....	65	25
\$1.90 " ".....	3 00	1 30
3.00 " ".....	1 25	52
3.50 " ".....	5 00	2 15
4c Third Issue.....	1 00	33
6c " ".....	1 00	33
15c " ".....	50	20
43c " ".....	75	25
50c " ".....	60	20
\$5.00 " ".....	1 50	60
10.00 " ".....	3 00	1 35

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Pan Americans 1, 2c, 4-2c
 Columbus 1, 2, 4, 5c, 10-4c
 A set of U S 5 var 3c
 Cuba 5 var 3c; Belgium 6 var 3c
 Germany 6 var 3c; Italy 6 var 2c
 New Zealand 5 var 3c
 Australia 10 var 3c
 France 10 var 3c; Costa Rica 4 var 3c
 Austria 1900 1 and 2 krome 3c
 Austria old issue 4 var 2c
 Luxemburg 4 var 2c, Mexico 4 var 2c

WM. HUTH,

117 Maybury Ave, Detroit, Mich

Wake Up!



Canada 1898 2c carmine per 100	2c
Canada 1898 5c blue per 100	20c
Canada Jub 1/2 - 50c per set	\$2.25
Canada 40 varieties all issues	75c
Newfoundland Cabot 1-60 comp	\$2.50
" 10 var per 100	\$1.15
" 15-20 kinds assorted per 100	\$2.00
New Zealand 1py Universal [1901] per 1000	\$1.50

Herbert Mills,
 400 Queen St,
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200 mixed foreign 5c
 100 var " 10c
 25 " British Colonials 10c

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Luxemburg 37½c-50c-1fr	\$ 20
Austria 4k	9
Argentine Rep 1900 1p	18
North Borneo 1c to 24c 9 var	40
Congo '94 1fr	12
Indo China 1fr	08
Hungary 1-2-3-5k	45
Crete 1900 1-5-10-20 1	12

J. O. BERGMAN, JR.,
Argyle, Wash.

U. R. A. J.

If you don't write for any approval stamps. 100 stamps free if you do.

3 Honduras env	\$ 02
1 Col Rep cat 20c	07
1 Venezuela cat 12c	03
1 Canada 50c cat 25c	11
1 West Ind 10 on 10c	01
3 Argentine Rep 12, 15, 30c	14
12 var '98 U S rev	05
35 var U S	10
5 Wurtemberg 02; 5 Canada 04; 5 Roumania 03; 10 Roman States 05; 7 Russia 04; 8 Spain 04; 6 Cuba 05; 100 U S or Foreign 07.	

JESSE JAMES, Bloom City, Wis.

Old Coins Curious Coins

Siam Porcelain money	\$ 20
Chihuahua ¼ real	10
U S Colombia 2pi nickel	15
Nederland ½ centime	05
Schleswig Holstein 1812	10
North Borneo 2pi	20
Poland 1773	20
Greece 1 and 2 lepta	10
10 Big Cents U S	50
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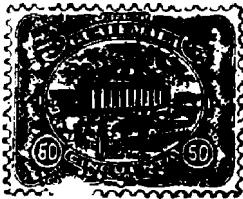
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	32 20c dark green	"	20
	35 1c rose	"	03
	36 2c violet	"	03
	37 5c blue	"	06
	38 10c orange	"	12
	40 to 43 1 to 10c [4 var]	"	12
	44a 20c dark blue	used	05
	45a 50c red violet	"	08



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	32 30c rose carmine	used	12
	38 50c brown	"	08
	39 5c on 30c rose	new	05
	40 30c orange	used	08

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC

	117 2c orange red	new	03
	152 10c bistre brown	"	05
	153 20c brown	"	10
	154 50c violet	"	25
	155 1 peso blue	"	18
	156 5 peso red	"	50
	166 50c blue	"	10
	306 1p purple	"	10

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

No.			
115	5c brown	used	02
120	½c carmine	new	02
128 to 132	[5 var]	"	30
133 and 134	20 and 50c	"	50



ECUADOR

63 to 69	1 to 50c	new	30
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HAYTI

	26 1c purple	new	08
	28 3c lilac	"	08
	29 5c orange	used	04
	33 2c deep blue	new	04
	34 3c lilac gray	used	06
	36 7c red	new	08
	36 7c "	used	05
	37 20c brown	new	12
	37 20c "	used	10
	39 2c red brown	new	03
	40 3c gray lilac	"	03
	42 7c gray	"	04
	43 20c orange	used	08
	45 2c on 20c	new	05
	53 2c orange	"	03
	54 3c green	"	03
	55 4c red	"	03
	56 5c brown	"	07
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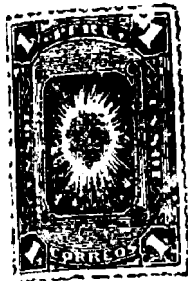
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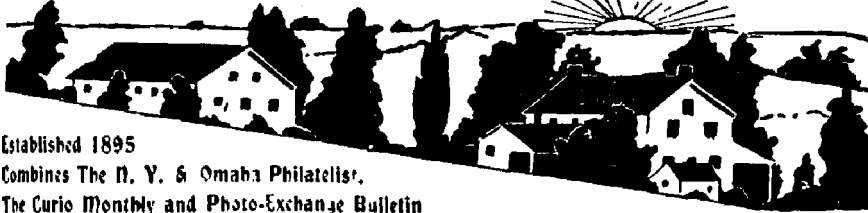
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Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

It has been sometime since I could sit down and "thing" revenues. A press of private business kept me out of the last issue of the WEST and I thought I never would be missed. But from all sides come letters of inquiry and this has proven to me that not a few are interested in these hurriedly written notes, all of which is very gratifying to my vanity and philatelic pride.

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Some time ago the city of Denver, Col., offered through its Chamber of Commerce and Bureau of Publicity cash prizes aggregating a hundred dollars to the person who would submit the best motto and design to be used as a slogan for advertising the Queen of the Rockies. The prize was awarded to a gentleman whose design consisted of a female figure holding a banner in her outstretched hand, with the single word "Forward". I thought at the time the thing had a familiar look and air but dismissed it at the time. Lately in looking over some old revenues I found that Brandreth's Pills Co used the word "Forward" on the 1 cent block, and later when stamps were no longer necessary they used a trade mark containing the same word on a banner held aloft by a female figure. All of which proves that it pays to be a stamp collector, and to study closely the designs on the m & m stamps.

Mr. Spinony writes concerning the the 2c ultramarine playing card stamp

of 6c issue. It is listed only as rouletted. For his information I will say that it is known in blocks of four imperforate and latterly it has been perforatec. Although the catalog does not list these varieties it is nevertheless no proof that they do not list. It simply proves that the catalog is not "up to date."

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As is well known the surcharge on the 98 proprietaries of the Jayne people viz: "Dr. D. J. & S." have been for convenience divided into three types. Type I consists of small thin letters and figures. Type II, small thick letters and figures; type III, large thick letters and figures. However, it is now necessary without noting the innumerable minor varieites to add a fourth. Type IV consists of the thin letters and thick figures being a compound of numbers one and three. This fourth type is found upon the following $\frac{1}{8}$ ct "9-1-99"; on the $\frac{5}{8}$ ct and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ct the date is "7-1-98;" on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ct also the added difference of only two naughts instead of the full 1900, on this last the date for type four is "49-00." Full sheets having been found in o. g. unused state being responsible for this new evidence.

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The rarest part perforate known is the 3c proprietary of the first issue although listed at only \$15. Only three copies were ever found and these were uncovered on the backs of photographs in Los Angeles, California. They were roughly torn apart but the two on the strength of which they were catalogued unmistakably joined together. The third copy did not match this pair but had the same initials thereon, and was also found on a photograph.

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The \$10 mortgage has lately been

found in pairs and blocks and imperforate state. One block of mine is 3x3 and is probably unique in this size.

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In a letter from Rev. A. R. Whitmer in respects to the lists recently published in the WEST, he has the ¼c Chas Fletcher inverted surcharge; also on the 3s rubber stamp cancellation of his firm which is extremely rare consisting of the words "The Centaur Co" and "New York" in a circle, and the date "Oct. 15, 1899" in the center.

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Interest in the pre-cancellations on the revenue and match and medicine stamps of the Civil War days and later is fast assuming satisfactory proportions.

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Says an Eastern exdchange: The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has just decided a case involving the use of documentary stamps at even this late date, recently brought to his attention for a decision. It appears that away back in 1865 an instrument was drawn up requiring a power of attorney" stamp, which for some reason was omitted. Of late the question of validity of the instrument has been raised, minus the \$1 stamp, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had decided that the instrument is invalid until a \$1 revenue stamp shall be affixed and cancelled, and the sum of \$10 as penalty paid into the United States Treasury. The holder of the instrument is not compelled to affix the revenue stamp, but if it is desired that the afore said power of atty shall be valid and in force it will cost \$11 to make it effective.

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I notice that the present catalog's prices are being adjusted occasionally. What the matter with regulating some of the prices amoug the 98 revenues?

The used specimen 4 of the ½, ¼ and 2½c values are much too high. One cent each is plenty for these. The idea of putting 4c on the used 2½ cent which has seen duty on the one dollar bottle of medicine millions of times is simply ridiculous. I won't say any more now but the inequalities of this part of the catalogue gives one a tired feeling.

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The 2½ cent orange Emerson Drug Co. is priced much too low, while the 2½ cent red with their type printed surcharge on it is very rare. Pre-cancelled collectors should look out for it, also for all values with their short form "E. D. Co." cancellation.

The Earl of Crawford is supposed to be the owner of the most complete collection of stamps of the United States in the world.

When one considers the amount of money that yearly changes hands merely through postage stamps one realizes that this trade has become something more than mere child's play.

The total number of ordinary special-delivery and postage-due stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes issued to postmasters during the year was 7,034,732,035. and the value in money \$129,430,173.01.

The homliest stamp in existence is said to be the 2c shilling, 6 pence blue of Falkland islands.

The subject of remainders is also a "thorn in the flesh" Postal authorities have no more right to sell them for philatelic purposes than they would have to issue bank notes which they are not prepared to honor on presentation.



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Most of us know all too little about the various celebrities depicted on so many stamps in our collections and for this reason articles dealing with the biographies of these persons are to be welcomed. For this reason I quote to some extent from an interesting article in No. 39 of *SZEKULA BRIEFMARKEN-VERKEHR* which gives us considerable information in regard to the portraits found on the 1892 issues of Paraguay (Scott Nos. 32 to 39 and No. 57). The article says:

"On March 1, 1870, President Lobeze (of Paraguay) succumbed on the banks of the Aquidaban with the last remnant of his army to the united efforts of the Brazilian, Argentine and Uruguayan troops. All Paraguay was in the power of the allies after a slaughter of five years. The country was devastated; the population had fallen from 1,337,000 in 1857 to a sixth of that number, about 200,000, and consisted of women and children almost entirely.

In July, 1870 a preliminary treaty of peace was concluded at Asuncion between the victorious allies and the provisional government of the republic, consisting of Rivarola, Loizaga and

Diaz de Bedoya, and in the beginning of August Cirile Antonie Rivarola was elected President of Paraguay (1 centavo stamp, orthography corrected to 1 centavo in 1896). Differences having arisen between him and congress, he pronounced, towards the end of 1871, the dissolution of congress which continued its sessions outside of Asuncion. The president applied for aid to the Argentine and Brazilian garrison, but the plenipotentiaries declined to interfere and Rivarola had to resign. The Vice-President Salvador Sovellanos was called to the head of the state for three years on December 12, 1871 (2 centavos stamp). On October 11, 1874 he was succeeded by Juan Bautista Gill (4 centavos stamp), formerly Secretary of the Treasury, who applied himself to the restoration of the national credit until he was assassinated together with his brother, Emilio Gill, in 1877. A revolution broke out and the Vice President Olginio Uriarte, took charge of affairs until Nov. 25, 1878 (5 centavos stamp). He was succeeded by Bareiro (10 centavos stamp) whose administration was a period of recovery. He exercised the supreme power until November 25, 1882, when B. Caballero was called to the presidency (14 centavos stamp) whose administration was a period of recovery. He exercised the supreme power until November 25, 1886 (20 centavos stamp). Under Gonzales, elected in 1890 (30 centavos this set was issued so that the higher values appeared in the figure type, because there were no more dignitaries to be honored, until 1901 General Eguzquizai was assigned to the 1 peso.

One cannot but notice the absence from this presidential gallery of three persons whose names are celebrated in the history of South America: Francia and the two Lopez. Dr. Fran-

cia during a quarter century, from 1816 to 1840, exercised such a power that he could decree the complete inhibition of all intercourse between Paraguay and the other countries of the globe, while maintaining peace and welfare within the interior.—His nephew Carlos Lopez ruled wisely, though despotically from 1844 to 1862, extended education and resisted the Argentine dictator Rosas by force of arms.—Francisco Solano Lopez son of the preceding and his successor in 1862, was a tenacious and energetic character, a patriot passionately devoted to the advancement of his country and its independence, falling in the front ranks by the side of that young Englishwoman, Elisa Lynch who had taken his part for love of him and who charged the hostile battalions at the head of her squadron of Amazons. Is it not regrettable that circumstances of a political nature excluded from the series of 1892 the portraits of these three first presidents?"

Our contemporary announces that the Bulgarian postal authorities have called for designs for a new stamp which are to be issued on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to Czar Alexander II., the "Zar Oswoboditel" (Czar Liberator). The design must include: the monument, the dates 1877-1903 and the value 10 stotinki. The ornaments must be Bulgarian. Two prizes are offered, 120 francs and 80 francs; the unveiling is to take place in August. The Bulgarians will shortly equal our own record in commemorative issues.

No. 282 of LE COLLECTIONNEUR de TIMBRES-POSTE illustrates the new stamp for French Indo-china. It is an adaptation of the design submitted by Grassett in 1896 in the competition of that year for a French stamp. The

chief change is that the lictor's fasces and the wreath at the left of the bust have been replaced by an anchor. Beneath the stamp one can read the letters BT in a monogram at the left and the letter C at the right. The impression of the only stamp out so far, the 15c is said to be miserable.

Stamps with the portrait of King Peter are due to appear in Servia during May. The die has been engraved by M. Tassett, an engraver of the mint at Paris, and the plates were made in Paris, but the printing is being done at the Royal Printing Office at Belgrade. The set comprises eleven values, one more than the last, being the 30 paras.

No. 11 of LA COTE REELLE is entirely devoted to the description of an exhibition of French stamps held at the rooms of M. Lemaire, the publisher, from the 3d to the 7th of March. The stamps were not for sale, being the property of a French collector. They were evidently an exceedingly interesting lot. The collection of essays and proofs is particularly magnificent, containing pieces almost unique. Of the first issue of France no less than 502 stamps were shown, of which 172 were unused!

As usual EL FILATELICO ESPAÑOL devotes most of its space to the interesting fiscals of Spain in its No. 42; it deals with the match stamps of 1874, quoting the laws relative thereto. Such studies are very valuable to the fiscalist and we should be pleased to see the fiscals of other countries taken up by competent hands in a similar manner.—A portrait of the author of these fiscal sketches is given in this number; it is Dr. Francisco Carreras Y Candi, Honorary President of the

Catalonian Philatelic Society.—Pages 32 to 36 of the Catalogue of Spanish Fiscals accompany this number.

Senf's ILLUSTRIRTES BRIEFMARKEN-JOURNAL in No. 605 warns against faked Greek postage due stamps; its correspondent says:

"Because of the very poor perforation of these stamps a large percentage of used specimens is damaged; corner teeth are gone and the stamps are often torn into. Such damaged stamps are refused singly, but in large lots they are sorted out and sold to small dealers. Now there are people here, (in Athens) who buy all these damaged postage dues, and re-perforate them, thus making them either shorter or narrower. Some days ago 200 copies of the 1 drachme postage dues were offered me for sale. The price asked was so low as to arouse my suspicion; a comparison with stamps of my own stock showed that all of the 200 were either too short or too narrow."

It therefore behooves to be suspicious of such re-perforated stamps; they will no doubt be offered here also.

MADRID FILATELICO is again a welcome visitor to the exchange table. No. 74 contains nothing calling for special mention, but it brings eight pages of the valuable work on the stamps of Spain, which has now reached page 176.

Now France has its official stamp prosecution. *La Revue Postale* in No. 82 reports as follows:

"A captain of the 144th Regiment of

the Line, garrisoned at Bordeaux, has been placed under arrest March 20th under the charge of a theft of stamps. The officer in question, Captian T., is a philatelist. In remounting his album some one noticed that a page was filled with military frank stamps eighteen or twenty of them. This somebody notified Lieut.-Colonel Gard who in turn notified Colonel Quevillon. He inquired of the Captain who avowed that the stamps in his album came from the stock on hand for the use of the privates of his company. He denied any felonious intention, explaining that he simply desired to complete his collection and that the stamps had no value, as they could not be used for postage by anyone else. The Colonel ordered him under arrest pending a court-martial. General Lelorrain, commanding the army corps, to whom the affair was submitted, maintained the order of arrest and on the demand of General Andre, Secretary of War, sent to the latter a detailed report. What may be the consequences of the affair one cannot tell as yet.—The captain is married and father of a family."

It seems that in Europe unused official stamps are good things to leave alone. Great Britain had its sensational case relative to them; Germany followed its example and now France is making it hot for the collector. Fortunately Uncle Sam was more liberal in the days of our official stamps.

El Filatelico Espanel in no. 43 complains as follows in regard to the proposed issue of stamps commemorative of the tercentenary of Cervantes Don Quijote.

We deeply lament that all our imitative is defeated by the indifference of

those whose business it would be to convert our proposals into reality and that the latest advices indicate that they do not treat the matter with the seriousness it would deserve.

Of course such a set would be highly interesting, but I doubt whether we others outside of Spain view its non-appearance with as much grief as our Spanish brethren. Don Quijote needs no postage stamps to lend him fame; his immortal fame would survive the stamps.

The fiscal part of No. 43 deals with the stamps for stock exchange transactions and for playing cards in the usual able manner.

Our Argentine contemporary, the *Revista*, concludes its ninth volume with No. 110. We wish it continued prosperity and faithful service to the cause of Philately. Its nine volumes are a store-house of information, especially on the stamps of South America.

An article of great interest in No. 26 of Field's *Briefmarken-Offertenblatt* deals with forgeries of the Greek surcharges of 1900. The descriptions are rather too long for reproduction here: I quote only the following general characters;

The black color of the forged surcharges generally is lighter and weaker than that of the originals; where it shows the same deep black as the originals, it is dustier and sootier. As in most cases cancelled stamps were used for the forgeries, the old postmarks often serve to betray the counterfeit by the year and by being under the surcharge. Where the forger has used stamping ink to paint the cancellation over the surcharge, one can always tell this by means of a good lens. The forged surcharges, being struck

by hand, very much in strength and as they are usually impressed much more lightly than the originals, which were produced by printing press, the letters and figures are not printed as evenly and clearly as on the originals and do not show as plainly on the back of the stamps.

The following dangerous forgeries (some of them even printed with the original type) are described in detail:

20 lepta on 25 lepta blue, inverted, inverted double impression and several other varieties.

40 lepta on 2 lepta brown, double surcharge together with a genuine surcharge; single surcharge with E inverted in Lepta.

1 draehme on 40 lepta violet with A. M. U. in the place of A.

2 drachmai on 40 lepta violet

3 " " 10 " orange

5 " " 40 " violet

AM 50 lepta on 25 lepta blue;

AM 2 drachmai on 5 lepta green

AM 5 lepta on 1 draehme blue

Look out for all these and have them compared by some competent person; they are being offered over here also.

The valuable article on the stamps of the Transvaal, 1869-1883 issues is concluded in the *Stamp Collector* for March. In this second part the forgeries made by Otto, the engraver of the originals, are described and illustrated by means of enlarged engravings. I wish my space permitted me to quote at length from this article. As it should be easy to distinguish these semiofficial forgeries by means of the description here given. The frame of these stamps was genuine, Otto having retained one; the center is an imitation. The 1d, 6 and 1 shilling exist in these semi-forgeries.

NETHERLANDS.

By Geo. C. Ashby

Netherlands stands pre-eminent among the few philatelically respectable countries; it is alike a boon to the amateur and the specialist. Its catalogued varieties may be completed as cheaply, if not more so, than any other country, while in varieties of shades and perforations, it offers an almost unlimited and unknown field for the specialist.

There are no speculative stamps, no surcharges and, with one exception, no reprints. In 1893 a printer in Utrecht reproduced the 10c of the 1852 issue in various colors on cardboard, but these are even more scarce than the originals.

Its issues certainly present enough variety of design to suit the most fastidious. The 1864 issue, the finely executed head of King William, a design as exquisite in coloring as an old painting, later the coat-of-arms then an issue of numerals, followed by the delight of the boy collectors, the head of the young queen, as they say in Holland, "net hangend haar" and lastly the well designed present issue, in which the variety and blending of the bi-colored stamps is a delight to all.

Scott's catalogue leaves much to be desired in the way of varieties; true they list practically all the older stamps as imperforate, still only one complete sheet was issued in this manner, and it is well nigh impossible to obtain very many of these now. But there are many possibly only "minor varieties" that are of greater interest than these imperforates.

The designs themselves are familiar so I will not go into details as regards them. The first stamps were issued on January 1, 1852. They are on hard to soft, hand-made, white wove paper, watermarked with a post horn sus-

ended by a sling having a single loop. The gum varies from white to brown. Quite often the paper of the 5c is tinted by the ink giving it a bluish tinge, and sometimes the 10c from the same cause appears to be on rose paper. The letter "C" differs in each value. The 5c and 10c occur printed from worn plates, which show no shading lines in the background. Possibly this is true of the 15c also.

The second issue occurred in July, 1864. These were perforated on medium weight, unwatered, handmade paper. The subsequent printing in January, 1865, was on the same grade of machine made paper.

The gum on these stamps varies from a white to brown, and they are also found on a slightly bluish paper. These are of the 1866-67 printing.

The third issue—1867—was on white wove, unwatermarked, machine made paper—also on a bluish paper.

Two complete sets of this issue may be made, the difference in the types being in the shape and shading of the figures of value. Without going into detail with each value, a general difference is that in the second type, the figures, though better shaped, are more heavily shaded and more blotchy than in the first type. Also in the 20c of the first type, and in the 5c and 10c of the second type there is a break in the colored line over the figures.

The 1869-70 issue on white or bluish unwatermarked, wove paper was designed to pay postage on printed matter, newspapers, etc. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c black often seen and sometimes sold as a rarity is nothing more than an essay. The only noticeable variety is in the 1c, which appears with and without the period after "cent" in both black and green. The paper in the 1872-5 issue varies greatly from hard to soft, and from very thick to very thin, white wove, as bluish. There are numerous varieties in this

issue, the most common of which are the following:

- (1.) 5c with two varieties of 5's.
- (2.) 12½c with a large round spot under the neck.
- (3.) 12½c on ribbed paper.
- (4.) 20c with a break in the right side of the frame.
- (5.) 20c with a dot under the "o."
- (6.) 25c with a split "T."
- (7.) 25c with two breaks in the left side of the frame.
- (8.) 25c on horizontally laid paper.
- (9.) 50c without a line above the value.
- (10.) 50c with two varieties of ciphers.

The 1876 issue replaces the fourth issue as a stamp for second-class matter. It is on white wove, ribbed, or thin smooth paper.

There are but few varieties here, i. e. ½c with the "c" varying in size, 1c with a break below the figure in the upper right hand corner circle, also with part of the upper scroll missing, and the 2½c with a broken frame.

The 1891-94 issue is on white wove and thin surfaced paper. Forty copies of the 5c were issued in the color of the 3c, of these the postoffice department recovered twenty copies, and the other twenty were probably used although but two used copies are known.

The 1898-99 issue is on tough white wove surfaced paper. A small issue of the one gulden was gotten out in time for the coronation of Queen Wilhelmina and when the regular issue appeared the one gulden had been slightly altered. It is easily distinguished by the figures of value being thinner in the regular issue.

And now but a word in regard to the postage due stamps—there are two of 5c in the first issue, in the second issue, the value on the gulden stamps is in either bright red or vermilion. There are a great number of slight varieties, more due to the inking than to any defect in the plates. In the 1894 issue Scott's catalogue gives both types as ultramarine, but it is a fact that Type I is deep blue, and Type III ultramarine.

ODDS AND ENDS.

By Dr. C. F. Noe.

Probably every stamp collector accumulates in the course of time certain stamps, envelopes or similar objects for which no spaces are provided in his album and for which he searches the catalogue in vain. Undoubtedly a description of all such stamps held by collectors would form a highly interesting book, so I will here give a short review of some of the odds and ends of my collection, and hope to arouse thereby enough interest to lead others to do the same. First I will mention a 2c 1887 envelope on oriental buff paper, which is a distinct die variety. It was in use during the year 1891, and I found at that time a description of it in one of the stamp Journals, after the specimen had been in my possession several months. It differs from the type in that the head is fully 1 mm. wider from side to side when measured at the level of the nose; when once seen the difference is readily appreciated as the head seems to fill the central oval much more than in the ordinary variety. I have looked over thousands of the common type in search of this die, but have only succeeded in finding two, both on oriental buff and both dated 1891. Why it was never admitted to the catalogues is only known to the powers that be.

Of the same issue I have a 2c envelope stamp cut to shape and used as an adhesive, and a 1c albino on Manila, both of which passed through the mail unchallenged. I also have a 2c 1887 envelope with a capped 2, just as distinct as the well known capped variety of the adhesive and probably

due to the same cause.

An easily distinguished uncatalogued variety is the 5c of 1882 and 1888 with background of crossed lines. Double perforations also furnish a large field for oddities. I have a beautiful copy of the 3c rose 1861 double perforated, besides a number of others of the later issues.

Among the revenues we have numerous chances of picking up uncatalogued varieties. The most distinct are those printed in ultramarine color, of which the following are known: 2c Bank Check, 2c Proprietary, 10c Certificate, Contract, 10c Foreign Exchange, 50c Conveyance, 50c Surety Bond and \$15 Mortgage. These are distinct varieties and for the sake of completeness should be in every catalogue. For a short time the first issue revenues were printed on a thick white paper readily distinguishable from the so called old paper, it contains no silk fibre and constitutes a separate variety.

Oddities in perforation are plentiful amongst revenues. I remember finding several pairs of the 2c Express blue, which were unperforate vertically, and double perforate horizontally. I also have several bearing the imprint of the engraver, all of them poorly centered, so that on one side the perforations took in that part of the margin bearing the imprint. Nearly all the values of the first issue Proprietary stamps can be found surcharged with the initials of firms using them, and can be considered just as collectable as the surcharged Spanish war proprietaries.

The stamped paper of the United

States is a much neglected field on which we have no catalogue later than Sterlings, issued in 1888. The writer has a large variety of these mementos of the civil war and they form an interesting part of the collection.

Many a collector is ignorant of the fact that our country has issued 473 varieties of stamps printed on documents, the denominations ranging from 1c to 1 dollar.

Among the foreigners I will only mention a few. In a wholesale lot from South America I once found a pair of Bolivia 1c 1893 imperforate horizontally, which is not catalogued, although its twin brother, imperforate vertically, has won that distinction.

Among my British envelope stamps are two 1½d. brown of 1870, one with an outer line around the stamp, and the other one without it. I will also mention a cover bearing a ½d. rose Victoria wrapper cut square and used as an adhesive in combination with a 2d lilac.

Among the Wurttemberg envelopes I find a number of albinos. I was much elated when I found the first one of these, but was soon disillusioned by the discovery of the fact that there must be just as many albinos of these stamps as there are colored copies, because the envelopes of this country are stamped after they are folded and consequently they all bear a colorless impression of the stamp upon their back.

All the above mentioned oddities were accumulated while making a general collection and without paying any special attention to them as a class. Doubtless there are collectors who make a special study of them, and who would be able to furnish a comprehensive list of great interest and value to every collector.

A Plea For The Fiends

B y W P Y o u n g



It is said that poets are born not made and in my mind there's no doubt as to the truthfulness of the assertion. Collectors are also born, although occasionally one is made by force of circumstances, but he is not quite so much of a success. Collectors are as a

rule inclined to be rather sensitive, they are constituted capable of extreme enjoyment, such as is totally unknown to the common herd, and surely they are to be envied

Anticipation, realization and collection journeying through the active brain of the average collector oftentimes will soften the word or the unkind deed.

I entered the world with the collecting instinct fully developed and at an early age possessed the finest collection of teething-rings in the town, A few autumns rose and fell and I gathered together as good an assortment of building blocks as any child in the country, and my collection of leaden soldiers was the admiration and boast of my native state. Pages have been written concerning my aggregation of spools and my colossal accumulation of alphabet cards was the envy of the world, and before many moons had bloomed and faded my assemblage of business cards were noted far and wide.

What is the use of collecting? Life is almost too short to answer this in detail, so I will merely outline a few of the arguments. Volumes could be written portraying the endless round of pleasure in the collectors life, but pleasure is but a small portion of the glorious whole. I assume that one of the most important things in this life is an all-around education, and I am not at all afraid of contradiction when I make the statement that the best method of absorbing knowledge is by intelligent and systematic collecting.

The stamp fiend can point out any country or principality on the globe, with his eyes shut, he can give a fairly accurate idea as to its area, population, climate and the habits, customs, the picture, and the eloquence of oration rings through his brain. He has traversed the equator with Du Chaillu and approached the pole with Greely. All lands are his and he has journeyed on every sea.

The rock fiend knows now our world created and of what it is composed. He knows the beauty deep, hidden in the earth's interior, and the gems scattered over desert places. The wonders of prehistoric life are to him as an open book, the ends of the earth have contributed to the fund of knowledge and consequent happiness.

The relic fiend pushes aside the curtain and can show primitive man as he first appeared on his terrestrial sphere, and he can follow him by gradual stages, from that time to the present day.

Little by little the collector adds to his treasures and to his stock of knowledge until, as in some cases that have come under my personal observation, he has finally come to be an authority on his special hobby.

(To be continued).

PRECANCELLED DUES.

By E. R. Aldrich.

When collectors first turned their attention to precancelled postage stamps, both the ordinary series and those denoting deficiency of postage were considered upon a collectable equality, but about a year ago a number of the leading collectors of this branch of philately decided that a due stamp could not be precancelled as it did not meet the requirements of the regulations laid down by the postal department. I wonder if these same collectors discard due stamps from their regular stamp collection because they do not conform to the requirements of a prepaying adhesive. I anticipate not. Be that as it may, I for one have still retained the dues in my precancelled collection. The earlier lists of precancelled did not fail to include them and the recent catalogue of Messrs. Smith and Duck also give a partial list. In the following list where my types would conflict with those of that catalogue I have designated my types by letter instead of number. With two or three exceptions, which have been designated (?), I either have the variety or it has been vouched for by a fellow collector. I should be pleased to hear of any variety I have not listed.

Colorado.

Pueblo—Two types, the first in two horizontal curved lines, Pueblo, Colo., P. O., the second an oval office cancellation impressed so as to cover four stamps.

1. 1c. Type I.
2. 2c.
3. 5c.
4. 10c.
5. 10c. Type I, vertical (?)
6. 1c. Type II.
7. 2c.
8. 5c.
9. 10c.

Connecticut.

Ansonia—1, 2, 5 and 10 can be found

both normal and invert. but all specimens I have seen are of the type considered counterfeit.

Illinois.

Chicago—Current type of surcharge.
1. 1c.
2. 1c. Invert.
3. 2c.
3a. 2c. Illinois at top, two lines and Chicago at bottom. A variety caused by careless feeding of press.

Kentucky.

Louisville—Sheet cancelled with hand stamper.

1. 1c.
2. 2c.
3. 5c.

Maryland.

Baltimore—Sheet cancelled with office stamp, impression covering four stamps.

1. 1c. (?)
2. 2c.

Massachusetts.

Lynn. Two types. The most noticeable difference in the letter N, it having cross bars in type II.

1. 1c. Type I.
2. 2c.
3. 3c.
4. 5c.
5. 10c.
6. 1c. Type II.
7. 2c.

Northampton—Three types, first, type A, hand stamped with circular office stamp covering two stamps, except on No. 3, where it is placed over corners of four; type B, same as first, ordinary type, Northampton, Mass., with no lines; type C, same (as Smith Type v) large letters, Northampton Mass., diagonally printed.

1. 1c 1893. Type A.
2. 2c.
3. 1c 1894-5.
4. 2c.
5. 1c. Type B.
6. 2c.
7. 5c.
8. 10c.
9. 1c. Type C.
10. 2c.
11. 5c.
12. 10c.
13. 1c. Type C, error NASS.
14. 2c.
15. 5c.
16. 10c.

Michigan.

Battle Creek—Two line horizontal inscription, Battle Creek, Mich., between double rules.

1. 1c. (?)
2. 1c invert.
3. 2c.

Detroit—Two line horizontal inscription, Detroit, Mich., between single rule.

1. 1c.
2. 1c invert.
3. 2c.
4. 2c invert. (?)
5. 5c.

Detroit, Station C—Three line inscription between rules.

1. 1c.

2. 2c.

Minnesota.

Minneapolis—Type A, single ruled line; type B, Minneapolis, Minn., in two lines and date; type C, same without date.

1. 2c. Type A.
2. 1c. Sept. Type B.
3. 1c. Type C.
4. 1c invert.

Ohio.

Akron—Type A, the early diamond shape design; type B, Akron, Ohio, between lines.

1. 2c. Type A.
2. 1c 1893. Type B.
3. 2c 1893.

Cincinnati—Vertical two line inscription, Cincinnati, Ohio, between rules.

1. 2c up.
2. 2c down.

Columbus—Sheet cancelled with hand stamp, cancellation covering four stamps.

1. 1c. (?)
2. 2c.

Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg—Type A, two vertical rules; type B, ornamented type variety of two line inscription.

1. 2c. Type A.
2. 2c. Type B.

Rhode Island.

Providence—Type I, vertical two line inscription, Providence, Rhode Island; type II, horizontal inscription, Providence, R. I. in two lines between double rules.

1. 1c down.
2. 2c red ink up.
3. 2c down.
4. 2c purple ink up.
5. 2c down.
6. 1c.
7. 1c invert.
8. 2c.
9. 2c invert.
10. 10c. (?)
11. 10c invert.
12. 2c purple ink.
13. 5c purple ink.
14. 2c red ink.

Vermont.

St. Johnsbury—Type I, St. Johnsbury diagonally across. Type II, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, in two lines diagonally.

1. 1c up. Type I.
2. 1c down.
3. 2c up.
4. 2c down.
5. 3c up.
6. 5c up.
7. 10c up.
8. 1c up. Type II.
9. 1c down.
10. 2c up.
11. 2c down.
12. 3c up.
14. 5c up.
15. 10c up.

Wisconsin.

La Crosse—Two line inscription, La Crosse, Wisconsin, between lines.

1. 2c.

HIT AND MISS PA-PERS NUMBER 1

Youth and Philately.

By Verna W Hathaway.

The question, "How long will Philately last?" has been often asked, but never answered, for none of us poor mortals possess the divine power of divining the future; many are of the opinion that it will exist as long as the present postal system, as long as there is food for its growth.

The most important factor in the future of Philately is the present youth, for he it is who to-morrow will be in his prime, while we of the present will be in our graves.

Perchance, dear reader, you may happen to know some young boy or girl to whom a sight of your albums will be a blessing. The love of collecting is specially apparent in the youth. So there you might illustrate the superiority of Philately over other forms of collecting, thus adding to Philatelia another devotee, and to the youth another pleasure, which through his youth, his prime, his old age, will be the chief pleasure of his life.

All parents, at least the majority, desire to educate their children properly. They desire them to be healthy, mentally, morally and physically. What parent does not desire his child to find a pleasure in the home circle to carry on a pleasureable pursuit at home? And what is Philately if it is not such a pursuit? It sharpens the intellect, arouses the aesthetic tastes, gives an abundance of useful information and learning. Unconsciously the stamp fiend acquires information on the principal topics of the world. He learns a little of all languages, he learns the manners, customs, coinage, natural history, philosophy, geog-

raphy of the entire world, he learns the names of all rulers and principal characters in many instances his stamps mark for him some important step in history or politics. And there are some persons dare, yes dare in the face of all this evidence to call stamp collecting a foolish waste of time. But it gives me pleasure to say that these mostly belong to the uneducated and ignorant class; or else perchance the assailers have never had the benefits of this science, hobby, call it what you will, properly illustrated to them. Yet there are some educated (?) persons, who, as I said before, dare to question the benefits given by Philately.

I have in my mind a pathetic story I have read or heard somewhere that illustrates the manner in which some ignorant parents view Philately. It was to the effect that a young boy collector had been presented with five dollars by his grandfather to do with as he pleased. He had pleased to spend it on what he liked better than anything else—stamps from approval sheets. But his father, a rough, uneducated man, although well-to-do was very angry after hearing of what he considered a foolish waste of money. He told the lad that unless he was able to realize five dollars from the immediate sale of the stamps that he should not only receive a sound thrashing, but that his books should be burned. The poor boy was heart-broken, but taking the album to the narrator he sold five dollars worth and went away with a lighter heart, and his album looking not much the worse. The father however carried out his threat with regard to the album, claiming that the boy spent all his evenings "fooling with stamps." Perhaps he did spend too much time, for he was much interested, but his father thought he might be better employed, in spite of the fact that his teachers

said he was very bright in school, that he not only learned his lessons very well, but that he was surprisingly well informed upon all geographical and historical points. The boy at that time spent all his evenings at home. Two years later his evenings were spent in saloons, he had stopped school, he cared nothing for books or study, all his money went for cigarettes. By the time he was seventeen he had degenerated into a common rowdy, and had been arrested twice for disorderly conduct. Perhaps a boy of this sort was more to the father's taste. All this might have happened anyway, but it is doubtful.

The question is why will parents be so absurd? Surely the boy or girl is better off occupied, and interested with a clean edifying hobby like Philately, than on the streets or among low companions. Some call Philately a waste of money; a waste of money Philately never is, considered either from an educational or financial point of view. Stamps very seldom decrease in value, generally it is the opposite—an increase. The most educated men and women in the world are champions of Philately, surely if they do not consider stamp collecting a waste of time if they consider it for themselves an education, it will prove just as educating for the youth.

It is a fact that Philately gathers in the best of the world. For the uneducated person it has few attractions. Kings, queens, noblemen, literary characters, doctors, professors, the portion of the world owning culture in the highest degree acknowledge Philately's glorious sway.

A parent cannot do his child greater good than to encourage and foster his love for the "wee bits." If I had three dozen children, I would encourage them in any hobby which would keep them at home enjoying a pastime in every way so safe and instructive.

The Collecting Habit.

By Rev. E. Mitchell.

Occasionally, we hear some unappreciative parents express regret, when their children begin to develop the tendency to collect.

Some will object to the small expense involved, or to the time which may be taken up in the collecting, or to the space occupied in the house by the collection.

Now, as an experienced parent, teacher and pastor, I want to enter my protest against such opposition to collecting. Young minds must become acquainted with the world in which they live, and especially with the works of nature, which are the works of God in nature.

And every child's mind will be better and happier if he can learn the facts of the world in ways which afford delight while learning. It is a secret known to all careful thinkers in child study, that whatever enters into the young mind with delight, makes a strong and enduring impression. This is the great secret of the Kindergarten.

Again, a second great secret, in developing a child's mind, is to remember his great desire to handle the things with which he is so delighted, and to possess them, as his own.

Therefore, when a child is old enough, let him begin to collect something, especially the works of nature, such as shells, minerals, etc. And thus you will fix his mind in the things which delight him, and which arouse in him an active enthusiasm, which will go far towards sustaining his interest in his studies, in later

years, when the more artificial methods of study and teaching must be taken up, in school.

As to expense, a habit of collecting will tend to make a child need fewer toys, because his collection takes the place of toys, to a large extent.

A child educated without any expense, is likely to have a very cheap education, one which dwarfs his mind, rather than develops his many-sided manhood.

As to space taken up by a little collection, almost any house can afford to spare the child a few shelves, or a home-made box, or cabinet. And it will help to train and systematize the child's mind, to feel that he has a place of his own, where he can keep his treasures, and for the good order of which he is responsible.

As to the time occupied in making collections, that can be regulated by the amount of time at the child's disposal. Naturally, his collecting time will come out of his play-time, and so will not be any time lost from study. But, in fact, collecting is one good method of study, better because it pleases and entertains.

A small collection made by children, will often solve the hard problem of what to do with your children on a rainy day. And, even at other times, the time spent with the collection keeps the child out of mischief.

In every way, I believe in the habit of collecting, kept, of course, within reasonable bounds, as to expenditure of time and money. It helps to train the mind in many ways.

I have seen the practical good of collecting, in my own family, and in my own life. And so I would encourage the young folks to collect; and also the older folks, who will find, in collecting, a restful change, and an antidote for "the blues," and a help to him who would "look through nature, up to nature's God."—From Oblogist.

Postmarks of New York

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NOTE. Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. Continued from last month.

VII.

During 1863 and 1864 there were several other varieties in use although they differ slightly from those shown in last issue. Fig. 24 has the double circle. In the illustration this is invert-



Fig. 24

ed, as it often occurred that way on the letters. The type is also lighter than that shown in Fig. 20 and 21. Fig. 25 shows a variety precisely like

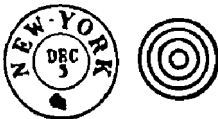


Fig. 25

24 only that the year has been left out. This was not an accident but a regular issue, as many examples have been found and, also, the space below the date is not wide enough to admit the year. The next, Fig. 26, however, has



Fig. 26

a space large enough for the year but the year was not printed. This postmark was used during 1864. All three of these postmarks had other cancellers than the ones shown in the cuts, but the facts about variations in cancellers were given in the last issue.

The next year brought out two postmarks which are quite a departure from the general run. The two octagonal postmarks shown in Figs. 27 and 28 differ in size, spacing of type, orna-



Fig. 27



Fig. 28

ments, as well as in the cancellers. These postmarks were probably used only during this one year as they are exceedingly scarce. Another kind of postmark was used during the same time, which will be described in next issue. These two are the only octagonal postmarks ever used in the New York postoffice, but the design was so common all over the U. S. and foreign countries at the time, and examples of it have been in use to a slight extent even up to the present day.

(Continued in next issue.)

Two very rare Battersea enamel jugs, about 5 in. high, painted with garden scenes and figures and sprays of flowers in colors, realized \$300 each at Christie's sale. Four small circular Battersea enamel trays, painted with playing cards, and four plaques with Watteau figures sold for \$170 and a pair of oblong Battersea enamel tea caddies, painted with river scenes, &c., in colors on white ground, \$350.

Up to date the United States has coined 1,675,247,568 cents, 440,000,000 nickles, 427,531,884 dimes, 300,000,000 quarters, 320,000,000 half dollars and 596,969,692 dollars.

The 100 Numbers Employed to Indicate the Face Values of Postage Stamps.

FROM PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF INDIA.

Perhaps the most noticeable numbers used are the unreduced fraction of the Phillipine Islands 2 4-8, 12 4-8, etc., and the small fractions of Hanover.

The smallest expressed value is 1-30, and the most unusual is the curious decimal, .0625, which is also a Phillipine (it was certainly time the Americans took over these Islands or we might have been treated to recurring decimals or improper fractions).

The highest number employed to denote the value is 2,000 (reis) in the case of Portugal, but this sinks into insignificance when compared with the value indicated on fiscal stamps.

In the following list, which I think is fairly complete, it must be borne in mind that the figures or words expressing amount are recorded and not the actual value indicated; if this latter had been the case, the above Portuguese stamp would not occupy the highest point—as many of our Colonial stamps exceed it in face value—although the figures employed are considerably lower in scale of numbers.

When the value is expressed in two coins such as one shilling and nine pence or one dollar ninety-two cents, the second value is expressed as a fraction of the first.

List of numbers indicating value:

No.	Coinage	No.	Coinage
1-30	Thaler	11	Cents
.0625 ?	(Phillipines)	12	Cents
1-15	Thaler	12 1-2	Cents
1-10	Thaler	12 4-8	Cents
1-8	Cent	13	Cents
1-4	Penny	13 1-2	Shillings
1-3	Silbergroschen	14	Cents

1-2	Numerous	15	Centimes
3-4	Schilling	16	Cents
1	Numerous	17	Ore
1 12-100	Dollar (U. S. Periodical)	18	Kreuzer
		19	Cuartos
1 1-4	Schilling	20	Centimes
1 1-3	Schilling	22 1-2	Cents
1 1-2	Cent	24	Cents
1 3-4	Pounds (Victoria).	25	Numerous
		27	Paras
1 92-100	Dollars (U. S. Periodicals)	28	Cents
		30	Cents
2	Numerous	35	Cents
2 1-4	Rupees	35	Centimes
2 1-4 }	Numerous	36	Cents
2 4-8 {	Cents	37 1-2	Centimes
2 5-6 (2-10)	Shillings (N. S. W.)	38	Cents
		40	Centimes
3	Numerous	45	Centesmi
3 1-8	Cents (Phillipines)	48	Cents
		50	Numerous
3 1-3 (3-4)	Shillings (N. S. W.)	54	Paras
		56	Cents
3 1-2	Roubles	60	Cents
4	Numerous	62	Cents
4 1-2	Pence	64	Cents
4 5-6 (4-10)	Shillings (N.S.W.)	70	Lepta
		72	Cents
5	Numerous	75	Centimes
5 1-3 (5-4)	Shillings (N.S.W.)	80	Reis
		84	Cents
5 1-2 (5-6)	Shillings (New Republic)	85	Cents
		90	Cents
6	Numerous	96	Cents
6 2-8	Cent (Phillipines)	100	Numerous
		108	Paras
6 1-2	Pence	115, 120, 130,	
6 2-3	6 annas 8 pies	150, 180, 150,	
7	Kreuzer	240, 260, 280,	
7 1-2	Annas etc.	300	Reis
8	Pence	400	Mils de Escudo
9	Kreuzer	430, 500, 600,	
10	Numerous	700, 900, 1000,	
10 1-2 (10-6)	Shillings	2000	Reis

It is not generally known that mutilated stamps cannot be used. A stamp which is torn in any way is not good for postage, no matter if it has not been used. If the postoffice officials discover that the stamp has been mended, the letter can be held for postoffice.

Counterfeits And Their Detection,

R. R. Shiele.



Counterfeit

BAVARIA.

The stamp shown above in reproductions of an original and a counterfeit is the Kreuzer green of 1862 (Scott No 13). This stamp is scarce unused, while used it is more common. For this reason it seems rather surprising that the forger cancelled his production, thereby decreasing his profit so enormously. He was probably led to do this by the distrust with which many collectors look upon unused Bavarian stamps of the earlier issues, a distrust inspired by the fear of reprints. Fortunately the matter of reprints was properly ventilated and cleaned up last year. The forger, no doubt, believed that a postmark would give a more trustworthy appearance to his fakes, and he was not far out in this, for it is surprising how many young collectors will accept anything as genuine that shows a post-mark—just as though it were not just as easy to imitate a postmark as a stamp.—In this case the postmark fortunately serves to distinguish the counterfeit. It is a well-known "mill-wheel" cancellation which always bear a number in the center, the number of the postoffice. But the forged postmark has no figures in the center. The illustration above shows only a part of of the cancellation, the rest falling on the letter. It may occur on other imitations, so that one should be on the look out for Bavarian postmarks

Genuine

of this type without the central number. The early Bavarian delivery tax stamps are much scarcer used than unused, so that postmarks have often been faked on them, while the stamps are quite genuine.

The 12 kr. red of 1858 is printed from the same die as the 12 kr green, so that the distinctions here given may apply to counterfeits of both. The chief distinguishing feature lies in the inscriptions. All of these on the forgery are considerable smaller than on the original; not only are the letters thinner and narrower, but they are also lower, so that there is more room between their top and foot and the white lines bordering the labels. This is especially noticeable in BAYERN and FRANCO, but also in the other words. The R in BAYERN differs somewhat. It's righthand leg is a little longer than the left one, whereas on the original the right leg of the R is, if anything, a trifle shorter than the left leg. The B of the same word is somewhat misshaped; it appears to hang to the right somewhat. The two large figures of value in the center are both too narrow in the counterfeit; this is especially perceptible in the upper right hand part of the figure 2. All the white lines of these two figures appear much thicker on the original than on the counterfeit. The small scrolls or arabesque ornaments in these figures are poorly imitated and show numerous differences but these cannot readily be described in words and I must refer the reader to the cuts above for comparisons between genuine and in that particular. This also refers to the small scrolls in the corners of the central square. In the upper right-

hand corner a good test is found in the small figures 12. On the original the position of these figures is not the same in all the corners. In three of them, the lower two and the upper left hand corners the two does dot touch the vertical line at the right, but in the upper right hand corner the foot of the 2 touches the vertical line of the label. All my copies of the 12 kr. red and the 12 kr. green show this plainly; if it does not seem to be due to wear, but rather to incorrect placing of the figure. On the forgery this is not the case. The figure 2 does not touch the vertical line in any one of the four corners.

All the originals of the large figure set of Bavaria show a slight embossing of all the white lines, especially in the central figures; of course on used copies, especially such as has been soaked off, this embossing has sometimes almost disappeared. The forgery here described has never had any embossing; it seems to have been printed from a photographic reproduction considerably touched up for printing. The originals were printed on silk paper (so called Tickenon paper) like the early embossed stamps of Great Britain; the forgery of course has no silk thread. Still one cannot always go on this alone, as the silk thread of the originals sometimes was too much on the surface and has been torn out, though usually showing marks of having been there.

(To be Continued.)

Collectors who have not a stamp album which gives them satisfaction can possibly find something interesting in a suggestion made by a well-known Ohio collector. He says that a stamp index along the line of the card indexes used by business houses is more capable of giving satisfaction

than the ordinary album, and there is but little expence attached to it. He gives the following instructions for making one:

Get a box—an ordinary shoe box will do, but a wooden box about the same size is better because it is stronger. Then have some cards cut by any printer, just the width of the box and about half an inch higher than the box. Have twenty-six cards cut an inch higher than the box. On these high cards take rubber stamps and stamp them alphabetically. Then place the high card marked with "A," at the front end of the box. Then put in the card marked "B," then a few lower cards; then the next letter and so on until you have gotten all the alphabet cards in the box, with about an equal number of blanks between. Then proceed to hinge the stamps on the cards. If the stamp is from Bulgaria, catch hold of the card marked "B" and run through the countries which commence with that letter until you reach Bulgaria. Classify all countries by the first letter. Write at the top of each blank card the name of the country which the stamp is from. Any description or remarks about the stamp can be written on the reverse side of the card. If one card is filled up with the stamps of one country, put in a new card and mark it "Continued," being sure to put it right next to the country to which it belongs.

The war between Japan and Russia has already created an added demand for Japanese stamps. A big Eastern dealer announces that he has an extra call for Japanese stamps, but not for those of Russia. The only significance that this fact has is that Russian stamps have always been in good demand, while latterly the stamps of Japan have been woefully neglected.



DEPARTMENT of INQUIRY

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177—WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT A POSTAGE STAMP ISSUED AT CAHABA, ALA. in 1847?—All possible information desired!

178—A gentleman from Alabama sends the following: "Some time ago a friend sent me some Victoria stamps one being A. 46. (Scotts No. 193) green half penny. I noticed that the d in the lower left hand corner was inverted and seemed to be an error, My friend reported to me that he had examined his stamps and found a number with this d up side down and that it was an error or mistake" What is it? It can hardly be an error of engraving considering the process of manufacture. Neither can it be considered a private mark of the engraver for the same reason. The only probable explanation is that it is the result of imperfect printing, the head of the d disappearing either by a break or by a dust particle in transfer or plate. A similar cause, working in the opposite direction, may cause a colorless stroke to appear from the round part of the letter downward making a form which appears as an inverted d. I have one specimen in which the head of the d is wanting, but I have none with a downward stroke, nor one with a well defined inverted d. Yet there is a possibility. That an imperfection in a plate was remedied by the insertion of the letter d by hand, in which case it might have occurred that a d-punch was placed up side down and thus a real error of plate retouching produced. Perhaps some reader who may inquire from the manufacturers will find out.

179—HOW CAN A U. S. STAMP BE USED ON MAIL FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA?—Because the United States maintain a U. S. postoffice there, U. S. stamps are used in that office. Other powers

have offices there too and use their own stamps. See query 133 in December number of the WEST.

180—IS THERE IN EXISTENCE A DIRECTORY OF STAMP DEALERS ALL OVER THE WORLD?—Not to my knowledge. Victor Marsh, Brixton Road, London, S. W. has lately issued "The International Directory," where in an attempt is made, besides other valuable contents, to give an international list of dealers in philatelic literature, most of which, no doubt, are dealers in stamps too. Only 40 dealers are thus mentioned in 8 countries. The ad pages of the WEST mention probably more stamp dealers than that in every issue. In Mr. Marsh's work other directories, however, are mentioned. One issued at Birmingham consisting of 3 parts. I. Collectors, II. Dealers, III. Societies. Another is Nun's Directory of the stamp dealers of Great Britain. Other countries very likely have at least partial lists of their stamp dealers, but a general directory comprising all is not extant, I think. By the way it may interest the readers of the WEST to learn more of the contents of Marsh's International Directory. On page 3 to 7 there is an article translated from the German of Victor Suppantich of Vienna. The most important scientific Journals of the World published to the end of 1900. Of course, philatelic journals are meant. Page 8 to 13 our worthy co editor, Rev. Thiele gives some notes on books in his library; an article most worthy of perusal. Page 14 and 15 we find "A Plea for Philatelic Literature Collecting" by Bibliophilist, page 16 to 19, Dr. Thebussem's Notes on Spanish Periodicals" page 20. "Sale of the Casey Library," page 21. Mount Brown's Catalogue," page 22 to 28. An enumeration of some philatelic Journals of 1901 and 1902, by Dr. Rommel in German. Dr. Rommel enumerates 23

Journals for Germany, 5 for Austria, 6 for German Switzerland, 12 for Belgium, 27 for France, 4 for French Switzerland, 2 for Luxemburg, 1 for Greece, 2 for Denmark and one each for Norway and Sweden. On page 29 and 30 is another list of journals from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland, taken from the Philatelic World. Then come some shorter articles on page 31. Page 32 and 33 gives some errors in numbering volumes or parts of Philatelic Journals. Pages 34 to 37 contain a list of philatelic literature, pages 40 to 46 a list of current Philatelic Journals in England and colonies, United States, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Argentine Rep., Chili, Dominican Rep., Canary Islands and Cuba. On the next two pages we find a list of catalogues published in various parts of the world. Pages 49 to 65 are taken up by advertisements.

181—WHAT ARE "MAKULATURSTENECKE" OCCASIONALLY MENTIONED IN GERMAN PHILATELIC WRITINGS?—They are pieces of waste paper, such as spoiled stamps, cards or envelopes. In our country these are carefully destroyed, but in a few countries some of them got out of the factories and into the hands of dealers. The inverted 4 cents Buffalo stamp is the only instance of a U. S. Makulaturstneck getting into the hands of the public.

In May last the Postmaster General announced that the introduction of considerable improvements would take place beginning January 1. The first one of these is about to be put into practice. Heretofore it was impossible to sell stamps at postoffices. Now arrangements have been made whereby they can be turned in at the stamp window for cash. It is stated that within a short time orders will go forth to redeem stamps at their face value, where they are in perfect condition. This will be a big thing.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The government of the little Republic of San Marino has just suffered a heavy loss by having \$45,000 worth of rare postage stamps stolen.

It is estimated by the editor of Ewen's Weekly Stamp news that there are 2,930,000 stamp collectors in the world.

The initials P. W. D. on the stamps of West Australia signify that they were used by the public works department.

The Stanley Gibbons of London, England, has decided not to include the many varieties of the Panama surcharged stamps in the next catalogue.

The picture on the stamps of Austria, the early issues, is that of Francis Joseph, who came to the throne in 1848 and is still the Emperor. When the Magyars of Hungary got the home rule in 1877 the Emperor's portrait was still used on the stamps.

A reader wishes to know why the 25c Republic of Cuba is not listed as well as the 10c green. It is held that of the plates prepared by the American Bank Note Co. on the representations of the revolutionary junta in New York, only that of the 10c green printed stamps that were actually used in one province.

Philatelic Fellowship.

By Wellington Brezee.

Philately though young in years
Commands respect from one and all
And often as the evening nears
We gather in her honored halls.
To discourse on her ways and charms
On some good find which on us falls
Then homeward bound and soon the
arms
Of Morpheus holds till morning calls.

In no walk of life is the feeling of true fellowship exemplified in so great a degree as among the ranks of the fraternity.

When the true philatelist meets his brother collector an immediate feeling of good will is established. He has met a person whose hobby is the one in which he himself is most interested and whose chief delight is to enlarge upon his favorite pastime. Visions at once arise in his mind of tales to be told, of wonderful finds and treasures lost and other exciting details that fall to the lot of every true philatelist. And so they fraternize in a brotherly way each unfolding their varied experiences to the amusement and delight of the other.

And all this without the pomp and regalia of a secret order but as the natural outcome of a feeling that exists which makes every philatelist an object of personal interest and solicitation at the hands of his brother philatelist as one who is personally interested in the hobby which he himself, is pursuing and whose experience and advice in all stamp matters is to be sought after not only for the real benefit to be gained but also for the companionship of one whose thoughts are in accord with his own and for the general good feeling and fellowship that springs up as a result of merging of interests along lines whose ultimate

object is an ideal collection, the day dream of the enthusiastic philatelist and one in which we all participate although one seldom realized.

True fellowship springs from the heart. The truth of this is evidenced by the cordial feeling existing among philatelists as a whole, with nothing to bind the ties of fellowship but the the pursuit of a hobby that is dear to the hearts of all.

Irrespective of this station in life the "stamp collector" commands respect and no matter how small or mean his collection may be, he nearly always possesses some one thing which the "other fellow" failed to get and which has sufficient attraction in itself to arouse the interest and respects of philatelists in general.

The present status of philatelic fellowship has been attained by purely natural methods, no false stimulus having been used to foster its growth. But liberality and broadminded charity coupled with the fact that by advancing the interests of all we strengthen the position of the individual, philately thus attained its present high standards one of the most beneficial, enjoyable and mind-diverting pastimes of the nineteenth century.

That stamp collecting may degenerate into a mania of the most dangerous kind has been recently shown in Paris, where the latest sensational murder was brought about by the assassin's desire to obtain a valuable collection belonging to a well known Persian collector by the name of Delehaeff.

The popularity of stamp collecting in India is no isolated instance of the spread of the stamp collecting germ, but that in practically every civilized land on the globe there are stamp collectors, philatelic societies and in many cases philatelic magazines.

A History Of The Post-office.

By Verna Weston Honway

(Continued)

In 1663 General E'Neil in a proclamation published on May 25th, warned postmaster against opening any mail not addressed to them, "except by warrant of our principal secretaries."

At this same time the Colonial law of Virginia required each planter, under penalty, to dispatch the letter which might be handed to him to the next plantation, and thus from farm to farm letters made their slow way for hundreds of miles. If a planter jailed in his obligation he was fined one hogshead of tobacco.

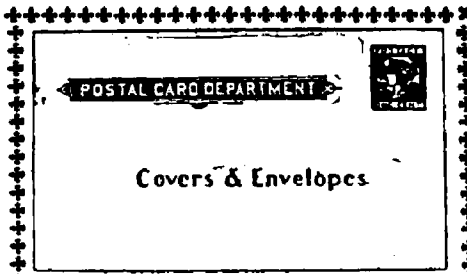
In 1672 New York announced the establishment of "a post to go monthly between New York and Boston." and advising those that be disposed to send letter to bring them to the secretary's office, where in a lock box they will be kept till the messenger calls for them, all persons paying the post before the bag be sealed up. This mail was dispatched twice a month thirty years after. The office of Post-master General for the North American colonies was created in 1692 revolted colonies organized their own postal system in 1775, Benjamin Franklin being the first one chosen for the office.

Mail robberies were so common in those early days that the British Government advised, when sending bank notes through the mail, to cut them in portions and send them in different mails. In 1782, John Palmer, a theater manager, presented a plan by which the robberies would be eliminated. His idea was merely to have specially built mail coaches, guarded with armed guards and with frequent relays of horses, sufficient to maintain a high speed at all times. The postal

authorities, however, derided this scheme until overruled by the prime minister, Pitt. The plan was then put into action, it proving marvelously successful, the robberies ceasing, and the revedues increasing enormously. Pitt made Palmer "Controller of Postal Revenues." The "Conservatives", however, soon made the place too hot for the new incumbent. It was not until nearly twenty-five years after he received a sum of money and a pension as reward for services, the value of which were uncalculable.

Rowland Hill, an Englishman who held no official position, in 1837 made a bold attack against the system as then existing. He advised the outrageous prices as then demanded be done away with, and a penny charged for carrying a letter to any part of England, Scotland and Ireland. When asked how he would collect the money on the enormously increased correspondence, he made this truly epock marking suggestion: "Perhaps the difficulties might be obviated by using a bit of paper just large enough to bear the government stamp, and covered on the back with a glutinons wash, which by applying a little moisture might be attached to the letter." From this modest suggestion we have our thousands upon thousands of postage stamps, for some of which we collectors are willing, and only too pleased to pay fabulous prices. Should not Rowland Hill be termed the "Father of Philatelia?"

For a time the stupids who held the revenues in the postoffice department were horrified; they managed to stave off the demand off a time, but the people would have it, and as usual got what they wished. The opening of the new system took place on Jan. 10th 1840. One by one the other nations followed suit, until now we have the the necessity of civilization, rapid



**Observations on
Some Original Covers**

By R. R. THIELE.
(Continued)

Mr. Cruse, the well known Canadian collector, has kindly sent me an envelope of considerable interest by reason of its wanderings. It was sent by Mr. Cruse to a collector at Birmingham, Alabama; the postage was prepaid by two 2c King Edward stamps and one 7c of the same issue of Canada, it being a registered letter. The dates of its departure is shown by date stamp

WALKERVILLE
DE 14
03
ONT.

in a single lined circle, the date being in the center. This postmark is on both face and back, three lines in all. The next postmark reads

WINDSOR
DE 14
03
ONT.

in a similar single lined circle. Windsor of course, is the exchange office for the United States at the west end of Ontario; the letter was here sent across the river to Detroit as shown by the next postmark:

DETROIT, MICH.
DEC
14
1903

REGISTERED

in two concentric circles, the date being within the inner circle. From

here the letter went its way with the usual dispatch and safely arrived at Birmingham two days later as shown by the postmark

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
DEC.
16
1903
RECEIVED

between two concentric circles, the date being in the inner circle. At Detroit, by the way, the ominous words had been struck on the face of the letter—words with which most collectors having much foreign intercourse become familiar.

**Supposed Liable To
Customs Duties.**

But Uncle Sam got no chance to enrich himself at the expence of the addressee; for some reason or other he could not be found, as shown by the handstamp.

SECOND NOTICE
DEC. 20, 1903

Evidently the letter had been advertised in the unclaimed list. I do not know why no date is given for the first notice or whether this was really the first notice. At all events the effort was repeated as witnessed by another handstamp

SECOND NOTICE
JAN. 8. 1904.

Perhaps this was properly the second notice; there is evidently an error somewhere.—But the addressee was not forthcoming and, as registered letters, where the sender is plainly indicated, are returned direct without going through the dead letter office, the letter was handstamped

Unclaimed

and again more implicitly
RETURNED TO WRITER
The date on which it left Birming-

ham homeward bound is not shown by any date stamp; the next one shows its route is that of Detroit, Mich., like the one already mentioned, but dated Jan 20, 1904. Here the letter was again sent across the river into the dominions of Edward the Seventh; at Windsor it was datestamped Jan. 20. Finally it reached Walkerville on Jan. 21, as shown by its datestamp on the back, and Mr. Cruse received it back with rejoicing, no doubt, though perhaps mixed with regret at being out eleven cents. Still it is admirable how machine-like the Postoffice Departments of all civilized countries now work together to return a letter to its sender, when one considers the smallness of the charge made for the work and the dozens of hands through which a letter has to pass.

Mr. Cruse submits another envelope which shows that postal officials all are but fallable mortals. The letter was mailed at Melbourne Victoria (Australia) to a certain Mr. Smith at Ararat, Victoria. The first T is written rather oddly so as to somewhat resemble a capital T which no doubt caused the error which was made. Somebody misread the name of the postoffice and calmly applied to the letter the handstamp

POST TOWN
NOT
KNOWN IN VICTORIA

at the same time this official genius added the ingenious emendation

TRY TATURA

What similarity there is between Ararat and Totura a non-official mind fails to discover. The letter went to Tatura, as shown by its datestamp on the back but of course did not find the addressee here. It then went back to Melbourne as shown by a change in the address: here again, it seems, another genius puts on

TAHURA

as the next guess. But as no such postmark is shown the letter does not seem to have gone there; in the meanwhile somebody had deciphered the real destination and the letter reached Ararat as shown by its datestamp on the back. And yet the first official had been sure there was no such post-office!

(To be Continued)

Mr. Scott's Idea.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

Metropolitan advocates the dropping of all minor varieties, watermarks, papers, perforations and doing everything possible to cheapen the price of stamps, thus making philately popular with all classes. The few rich will always be with us, these can specialize and bloat to their heart's content, they do great good in certain lines, but the future of stamp collecting depends on the continued interest of a large number of persons in moderate circumstances scattered over the entire world. Increase the number of collectors, lower the price of stamps and cut out all microscopical varieties.

The salt tax stamps of Egypt are nothing but revenue stamps. Until three years ago the government sold it. When the purchaser applied at the postoffice for salt he received a blank with cancelled stamp, which represented the value of the salt which the government was to deliver on presentation of the blank. The system was discontinued in 1900 and the remainders destroyed.

Writing in the New York Sun a "close observer" says: "I notice in the back ground of the new 2c stamps, now in use, that the stripes on the shield are in the wrong order. The shield has two white bars on the outside, which is a mistake.

Washington Notes.

By *A. R. Butler.*

Those readers of the WEST who desire to see a full report of the investigation of the Postoffice Department made by Assistant Postmaster General Bristow may do so by securing from their congressman copies of House Document 383 and House Report 1395, 58th Congress, 2 session, which contain practically all the results.

Congress will probably adjourn about the middle of May, and from present prospects it is not likely that the bills providing for parcels posts, postage stamp certificates or one cent postage will be reported by the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads. The delay in action on the last named can be ascribed to the deficits in the postal revenues caused by the extension of rural free delivery; on the first mentioned to the general feeling against "paternalism" and possibly to opposition from private express companies; but it is difficult to see why the postage stamp certificate, recommended by the Department and favored throughout the country, should not be speedily placed in use.

The passing of the act making an appropriation for the Lewis & Clark Exposition will bring up the question of a stamp series. The Pacific Northwest feels that this affair commemorates an event in American History second only to the Louisiana purchase and that what is good for the one will be proper for the other. The question of an advertising postmark for Portland similar to the St. Louis design has been brought to the attention of the Department.

An interesting publication by the

Smithsonian Institution is "Shell ornaments from Kentucky and Mexico, by W. H. Holmes."

The question of postmarks has come before the Department here as a feature in a murder trial. A person was accused of having killed another through the poison-by-mail route. The package purported to have been mailed at an office using a straight line cancelling stamp, but the actual cancellation had a flag design instead. The investigation which this discrepancy caused proved that the death was a case of suicide with an attempt to throw suspicion on the prisoner through motives of jealousy.

In order to permit of the holding of a convention of third and fourth class postmasters at St Louis on May 18 all such officers have been granted a ten days leave of absence by the Department.

The rural carrier receives some attention from congress this session. His pay is set at \$720, but on the other hand he is forbidden to solicit business or receive orders of any kind for any person, firm or corporation, nor to carry merchandise for hire during his hours of employment, which will cut off a good deal on some routes.

Those who are trying to collect rural free delivery postmarks have a job cut out. On many routes there is no R. F. D. mark, the regular stamp of the receiving office being used, and this is getting to be the general practice: the three line stamps first used will gradually become disused. The latest design is a circle similar to the regular postal cancellation, with R. F. D. inside the circle at the bottom. Routes are sometimes established then dropped on account of failure to supply the minimum requirement of 3000 pieces of mail per month.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Information Relating to Coins
and Medals. ♪ ♪ ♪

All correspondence with the Mint should be addressed "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia." Articles which are expected to be returned by mail must be accompanied by eight cents for return registry fee.

The Mint does not buy old coins or paper money, except some rare Colonial coins in fine condition which are desired for the Mint Cabinet. Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion the gold at the rate of \$18.60 per ounce troy, and the silver—in amounts of not less than \$3.00—at the rate of cents per ounce troy.

The Mint has no pattern pieces for sale.

The government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money.

New coins cannot be struck until authorized by Act of Congress.

The Mint supplies United States coins only, and not of any past date.

The fifty-dollar gold piece and the half dollar and quarter-dollar pieces in gold (?) were struck by private parties and not by the United States Government.

The coinage of the following ceased in the years named: Half and one cent copper, in 1857; one cent nickel, in 1864; half dime and three cents silver, and two cents bronze, 1873; twenty cents silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars gold, and three cents nickel, 1889. The Columbian half dollar was coined in 1892 and 1893, and the Isabella quarter in 1893. The Lafayette dollar was struck in 1899, the date on the coin, 1900, being

that of the unveiling of the memorial.

MINT MARKS.—Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint have no mint mark, those struck at all other mints of the United States are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse near the bottom. These letters are "C" for Charlotteville, N. C., discontinued in 1861; "CC" for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861; "O" for New Orleans La.; and "S" for San Francisco, Cal.

The coin dealers are the proper persons to apply to for the value of old coins. It is very unsatisfactory and usually impossible to give the value of an old coin without seeing it, as so much depends upon the variety and condition of preservation of the coin.

The mint does not publish and cannot supply any book or list giving the prices of old coins.

The coins of the United States now authorized by law are:

GOLD: Double Eagle, Eagle, Half Eagle, Quarter Eagle.

SILVER: Dollar, Half Dollar, Quarter Dollar, Dime.

MINOR: Five cents, nickel, One cent, bronze.

The five-cent and one-cent pieces are known as "minor," coins.

A "proof coin" is one struck by hand on a hydraulic press from a specially polished die, using a polished blank. They are made at the Philadelphia Mint only.

The price of the set of gold proof coins is \$38.50; the proof set of silver and minor coins, \$2.50; the proof set of minor coins 8 cents. Single gold pieces, in proof, may be had for 25 cents each above their face value, but the other sets will not be separated.

Proof coins of the present year can be had from about January 15 to December 31, unless, as it is sometimes the case, the stock is exhausted a day

The Stamps of Roumania

Although translation from the French of Count d' Assche in *Le Philatelliste Francias*.

B Y R. R. G H I E L E.

(Continued)

ISSUE OF 1892.

Stamps identical with those of February 1891, but printed white semi-transparent paper, almost pelure; arrangement of sheets and perforations as before.

A PERFORATED 11½.

- 1½ bani carmine.
- 3 " lilac, violet
- 5 bani emerald green.
- 10 " brick red
- 15 " bistre
- 25 " blue
- 50 " orange

B. PERFORATED 13½

- 1½ bani carmine, light to dark
- 3 " lilac violet
- 5 " emerald green
- 10 " brick red, light to dark
- 15 " bistre
- 25 " blue, pale to dark
- 50 " orange, pale to bright

C. PERFORATED 11½ x 13½

- 1½ bani carmine
- 3 " lilac
- 5 " emerald green
- 10 " brick red
- 15 " bistre
- 25 " blue, light to dark
- 50 " orange, pale to bright

ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 1893.

SCOTT TYPE A 23 New type; effigy in profile to left of King Charles I on a horizontally lined ground in an oval; inscription **ROMANIA** in large capitals on a scroll at top, below a shaded scroll bears the inscription of value in letters. At each side of the oval an ear of grain. The stamps are rectangular, larger than before; they

were printed in two colors at the Government Office at Bucarest, on medium white paper bearing the letters P. R. watermarked signifying **PASTA ROMANA**. The perforation is 13½ clean or rough.

1 leu pale bistre, center rose.

2 lei orange, center brown.

These stamps are found printed in all kinds of colors; these are possibly essays, but more probably speculative products.

ISSUE OF MAY 1894.

Design identical with the issues of 1889 and 1893, but the stamps are printed on the paper of the last issue watermarked P. R. As the stamps are smaller the two letters P. R. are seldom complete and sometimes the water mark is inverted. The paper is of medium thickness. There are three perforations—13½, 11½ x 13½ and 13½ x 11½.

A. PERFORATED 13½.

- 3 bani violet
- 5 " green
- 25 " ultramarine
- 50 " yellow orange

B. PERFORATED 11½x13½

- 3 bani violet
- 5 " green
- 25 " ultramarine
- 50 " orange yellow

C. PERFORATED 13½x11½

- 3 bani violet
- 5 " green
- 25 " ultramarine
- 50 " orange yellow

ISSUE OF JULY 1894

SCOTT TYPE A. 17 etc. Effigy in profile to left of King Charles I on horizontally lined ground; various frames; at top the word **ROMANIA** in capitals, below the value in words and figures. The stamps were printed at the Government Office at Bucarest, on paper watermarked P. R. This watermark

is found inverted and sometimes reads back; it exists in two size 1) 11 mm. high 2) 14 mm. high. There are four perforations— $13\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{8}$, $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

I. WATERMARK 11 mm. HIGH

A. PERFORATED $13\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu brown, pale and dark
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani black
- 3 " brown and red brown
- 5 " blue and ultramarinae
- 10 " emerald green
- 15 " rose, carmine rose, carmine
- 25 " violet
- 50 " orange, orange yellow

Error in the sheet of the 5 bani.

25 bani blue.

B. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu pale brown, brown
- 3 bani red-brown, dark and pale
- 5 " blue, indigo
- 10 " emerald green
- 15 " rose
- 25 " violet
- 50 " orange

C. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu brown, pale brown
- 3 bani chocolate, red-brown, dark and pale
- 5 " blue, indigo
- 10 " green
- 15 " rose
- 25 " violet

D. PERFORATED $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu brown
- 5 bani blue
- 15 " rose
- 25 " violet

II. WATERMARK 14 MM. HIGH

A. PERFORATED $13\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu pale brown
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani black
- 3 " brown, red-brown
- 5 " blue
- 10 " emerald green
- 15 " rose, carmine-rose

- 25 " violet
- 50 " orange and orange-yellow

B. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu brown, pale brown
- 3 " red-brown ;
- 5 " blue
- 10 " green
- 15 " rose, carmine
- 25 " violet

C. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 bani brown
- 3 " brown, chocolate
- 5 " blue
- 10 " emerald green
- 15 " rose

D. PERFORATED $14\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

- 1 banu brown
- 5 bani blue
- 15 " rose
- 25 " violet

Error: 25 bani blue.

This stamp should only be bought except when hanging to a 5 bani.

One may also make distinctions in paper and make three well-distinguished sets on thin, medium and thick; these papers also differ in texture.

ISSUE OF 1899

Same types and paper as before; watermark P. R. The 20 bani announced in the decree fixing the changes of color did not appear; no doubt it was to be violet. There are two perforations $11\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.

A. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2}$

- 5 bani emerald green
- 10 " carmine rose
- 15 " black
- 25 " dark blue

B. PERFORATED $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

- 5 bani emerald green
- 10 " carmine rose
- 15 " black
- 27 " blue
- 40 " dark green

(To be Continued)

One Woman's Idea

On Collecting

By Carrie B. Freeborough

Many people, on learning that I collect, not only stamps, but many other things, such as postals, envelopes post marks, Indian relics and geological specimens, are much surprised.

One person was blunt enough to say that she for her part "couldn't see why a woman with a family to look after and much housework to do wanted to waste valuable time over such useless trash."

When I was a young girl my grandfather sent to the P. O. one day a letter to mail. Having no other stamp he used one which had come some before from Washington for a reply to some questions. On reaching the small country P. O. the bearer of the letter was told "that stamp ain't no good, you'll have to get a green one;" and I acquired a 3c yellow agriculture and a knowledge that there actually was a difference in stamps.

I do not remember that I paid much attention to the matter after that until after my school days were over and I was settled in a home of my own.

That first summer I had much leisure and some of it was occupied in admiring the stamps of a young boy friend and incidentally looking about to see what kind I could get together for myself.

My first catalogue was a small price list of some firm whose ad I saw in a magazine and my first album was a tablet of blank paper.

The stamps I gathered then would scarcely please the fastidious present day collector and I have since learned much that was as Greek to me then.

As the years have passed and cares have multiplied I have never felt the time wasted that has been devoted to

my various collections.

For weeks at a time I have scant opportunity to even look at a stamp but when I do I can forget the ironing, and bread to bake and all the other worries long enough to rest my tired feet and worried brain so when I do "take up the burden of life again" I am better able to get through quickly with the day's tasks.

And what is more healthful and pleasing than a ramble with one's husband and children up hill and down dale in a search of arrow points and among the old coal banks for geographical specimens?

Or if some questions arises concerning geography isn't it pleasant to be able to say with certainty whether a colony belongs to France or England or perhaps to Germany or some other power and when some one demurs say with conviction "I kuow because I have some of the stamps."

And if you pick up a paper and see an account of a war or uprising in some (to the layman) unheard of place, a picture arises, in your mind's eye, of a small map in a stamp album and at least a few of the stamps of the aforesaid unheard of place reposing on a page of that same album.

Perhaps I have not yet made it clear to the person without a hobby, where the profit but I see and earnestly say get a hobby; and long live collecting and collectors.

By mistake some of the United States stamps gummed with the summer formula have been sent out to post masters. In the winter stamps so gummed curl up and crack. Postmasters who received any of the stamps so gummed have been requested to lay them aside until the summer months come.

Our Illustrations

N. Wells Longshore has just lost his entire stamp, coin, curio and postal card collection on April 10, by fire; he only saved his wife and four children. He is beginning a collection all over; is 38 years old and lived in New Orleans since 1876. He has been a member of the Elk's 1st Sargent Continental Guard, and a member of many other clubs and societies. He was married 10 years ago to a daughter of Ulysses B Hayes of Sweet Home Sugar plantation. He wishes to exchange stamps, coins, post cards, etc.

H. C. Beardsley has just issued a fine directory of dealers and publishers. This cut was used in WEST in 1896.

Dr. W. O Emery has been collecting Indian relics for about thirty years and Roman antiquities about fifteen years. His cabinet contains over 6,000 Indian relics, Roman coins and other antiques in clay, glass and metal. Has taught chemistry at the University of Bonn, Germany and at Wabash college since 1887.

We use one of his cuts of some of his Indian relics.



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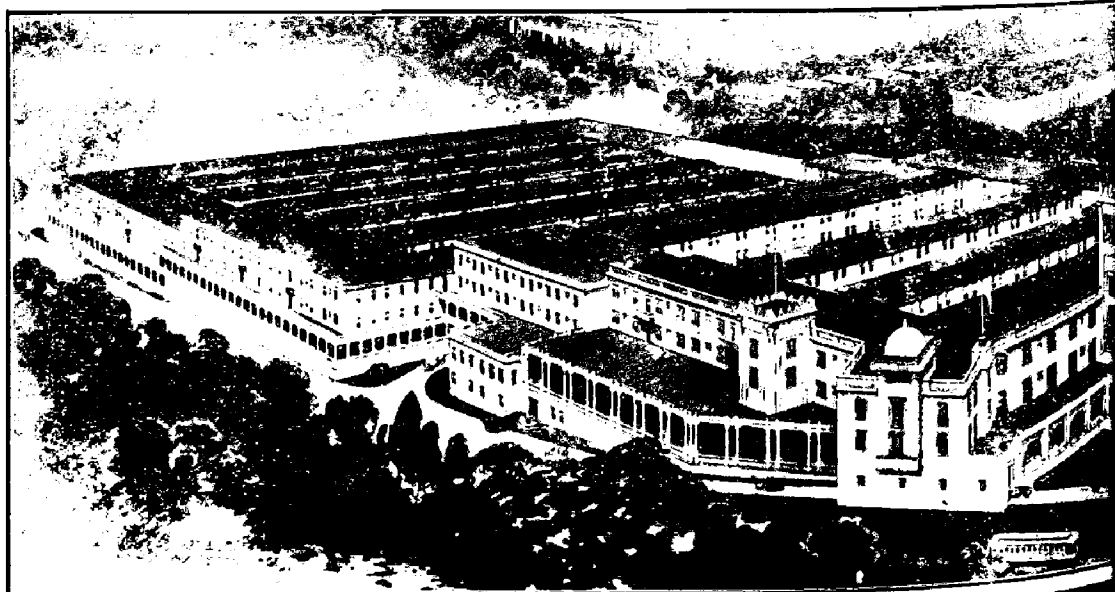
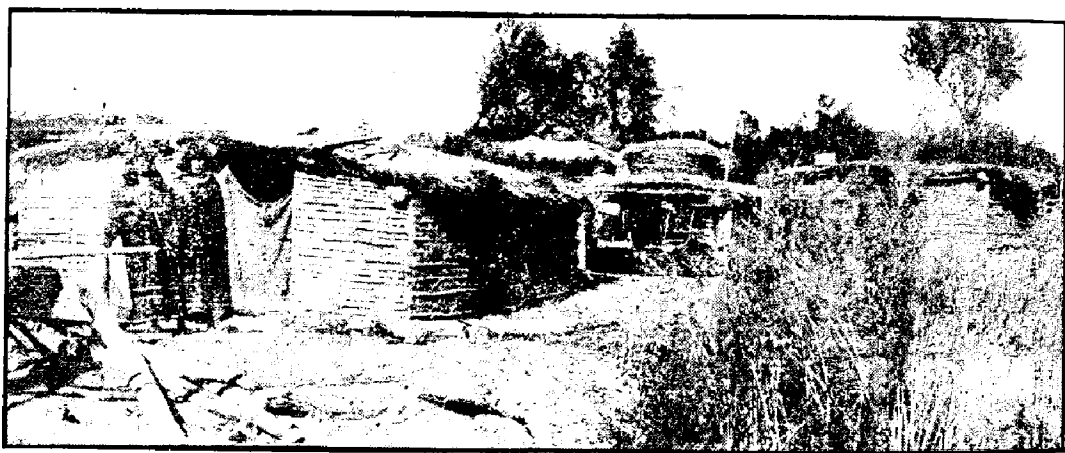
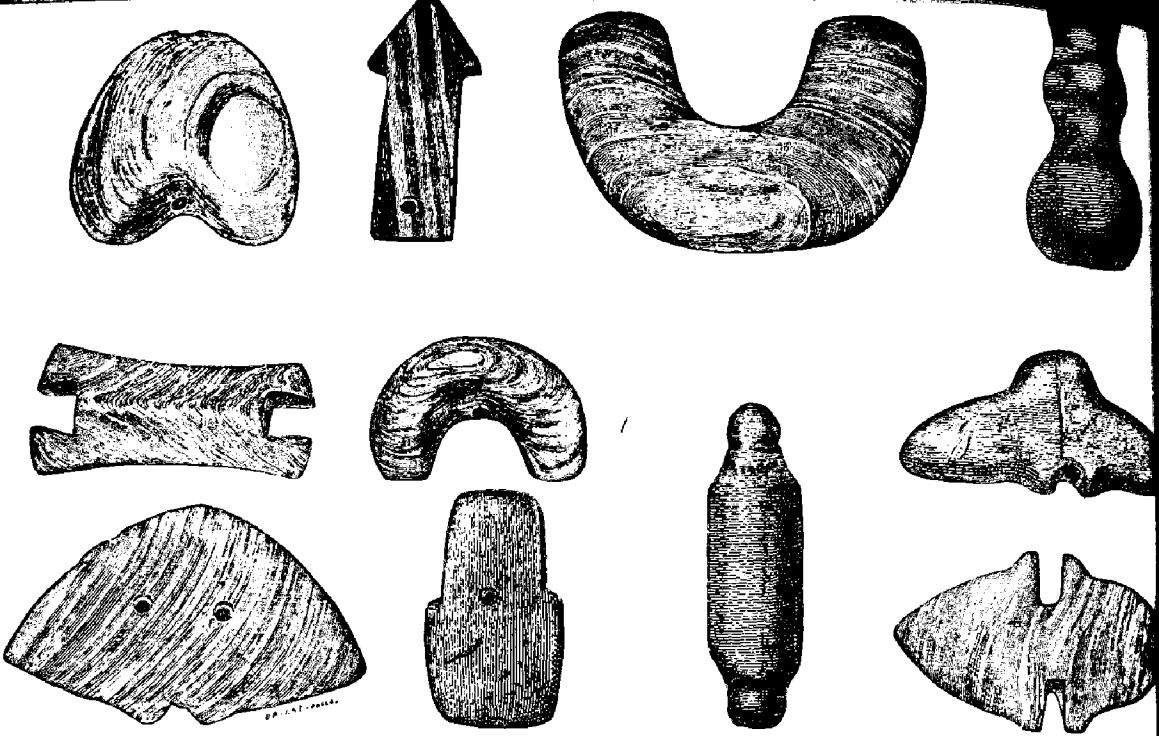
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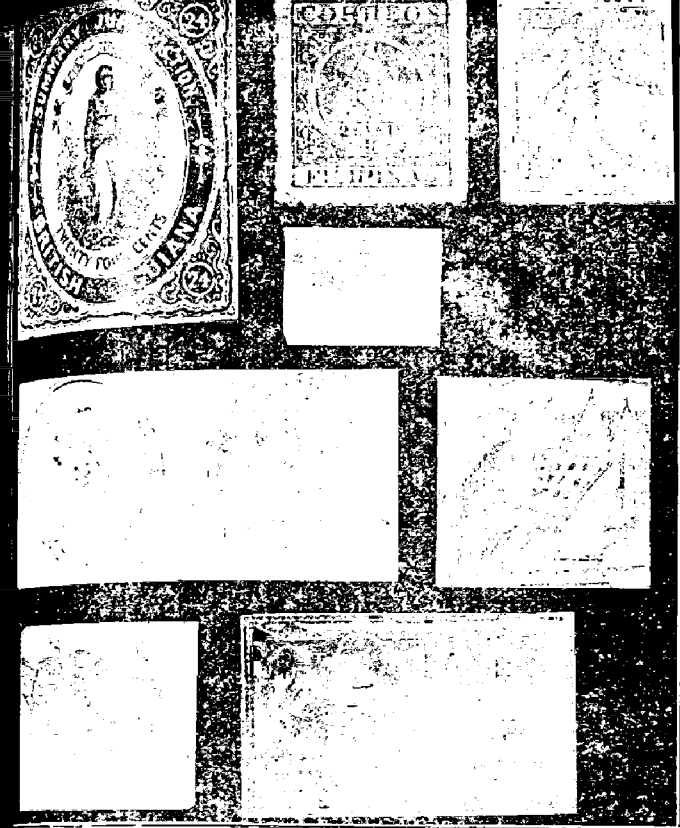
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Some of Mrs. King's Relics, (see next p'g) N. Wells Longshore, New Orleans, La.

A PIONEER WOMAN AND HER FAMILY HEIRLOOMS.

By George J. Remsburg.

A few years ago Hon. Wm. Elsey Connelley, a well known western historian, read before the Kansas Historical society a timely paper on "The Value of Local History and the Importance of Preserving It," in which he said: "The personal recollections of individuals are of the first consequence to the history of a country. They are not to be confounded with history; they are the materials from which history is written—the foundation of history, or one of the foundations. You can never tell what fact is going to become vital in the writing of history, and for that reason all facts should be preserved."

The resources of Kansas history would be unlimited if the state had many such individuals as Mrs. Mary King of Oak Mills whose pleasant features adorn this issue of *The West*. Besides being one of the very earliest settlers of Kansas and possessing a valuable store of reminiscence, coupled with intelligence and an accurate memory, she takes an interest in the preservation of what she has seen and heard, a spirit in which so many of our early settlers are lacking. I have often thought that if the old settlers would take a more active interest in banding themselves together in local historical societies, what a vast amount of material could be preserved for the benefit of history. Old Settlers' associations are too few and too many of our "old timers" are passing away without leaving to posterity a record of their experiences and observations.

Mrs. King and her reminiscient husband virtually compose a historical society in themselves and in the sacred archives of their cheerful and hospitable home, and in the storehouse of their memories, are preserved many interesting facts of local history. Mrs. King is the curator of a veritable private museum of "antiques"—one of the most interesting collections of family heirlooms in Northeastern Kansas. Among the quaint objects

which she has preserved is an Eli Terry clock made in Plymouth, Conn., in 1792, being one of the first wooden-wheel clocks ever manufactured; a dictionary at least a century and a half old; a copper kettle 112 years old in which she still makes apple-butter that would tickle the palate of a prince; a tailor's goose more than 100 years old; old fashioned candlestick and snuffer; a terrestrial globe made by Josiah Loring in Boston in 1838; the first city directory of the historic old town of Pittsburgh, Pa., printed in 1815, just before the town was chartered; a copy of the *Boston Daily Mail*—extra, September 1, 1841, containing the announcement by the U. S. Photographic Institute of the introduction in this country of M. Daguerre's famous invention in photography, the so-called Daguerrotype; a curious stove-kettle used in the old Kickapoo Indian mission house on the Missouri river, in Leavenworth county, Kansas, at an early day; a teachers' certificate issued to Mrs. King's great grandfather, Philip Creal of Virginia, June 24, 1785, and other things too numerous to mention. Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Campbellite, or what is now known as the Christian church, used to preach in a barn belonging to Mrs. King's grandfather, Wm. Creal, in Brook county, W. Va., and she has many interesting relics and reminiscences of that period.

The farm on which Mr. and Mrs. King are now living is the site of an old Indian village, and what is believed to be a battle ground. Numerous Indian relics, bullets, pieces of old flint lock guns, tomahawks, arrow-points, etc., have been found in a field near their residence, and are now in the writer's large, private collection. In plowing this field many human skeletons have been unearthed. These intelligent and observing pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. King, and their son, Richard, have very materially assisted the writer in a careful exploration of that locality, and have been factors in adding an interesting leaf to Kansas history and archaeology.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A S of C C

Attached to a skeleton of some human being, evidently an Indian, that was found not long ago in the Wichita mountains, a range that stretches across Southwestern Oklahoma, was a strangely designed medal. On one side of this medal, which is between four and five inches in diameter, is a raised figure representing two hands clasped; on one cuff is the American eagle; on the other are three bars extending lengthwise of the cuff. Above the hands are a pipe and tomahawk crossed, and on this side are the words "Peace and Friendship." On the other side of this medal is a bust of President Jefferson, with the inscription: "Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, A. D. 1801." A silver ring is fastened to a post on top of the medal. This much relating to the find furnished by a correspondent of one of the Kansas City papers, and what he tells is certainly interesting, but when he says, as he does, that the medal is carved, we feel like asking some further questions. How carved? Does he mean to say the designs are engraved by hand? From the size of the medal one would judge that it was likely never minted, but how "carved?" And another important detail seems to be missing. He says the post is of silver, evidently the medal is not of the same material, but we'd like a little further information. Is there any of the WEST'S readers

who live down in the Oklahoma country that can tell me about the find?

KEYSMANIA is a comparatively modern form of the collecting craze. It consists of an irresistible ambition to gather together keys of all sorts, sizes and shapes. One victim to the habit, a woman, confessed recently to having traveled over 100,000 miles in pursuit of her hobby, during which time she had expended, entirely on keys, quite a respectable fortune. Her collection comprises the key of Nuremberg iron Virgin; one said to have belonged to Cleopatra's jewel case; a huge iron specimen from the tower of London; the one used to lock Anne Hathaway's cottage at Stratford-on-Avon; and many others equally curious and interesting. Of course one's devoting his or her whole time and fortune to nothing more than a collection of keys seems a folly, but if old China, and antique furniture, and rare prints, and paintings, and old books, why not keys?

What is said to be the pipe smoked by Sir Walter Raleigh, which was, of course the first ever smoked in England,—the famous courtier of Queen Elizabeth having introduced the "fragment weed" into England, is now the property of the Prince of Wales, who sees to its being guarded very carefully. At the shipping exhibition held

some months ago in Whitechapel, London, the pipe was placed where the public might get a glimpse of it and it is said a vast crowd stood around the glass case in which it reposed during the whole exhibition. It was the first time the old relic had ever been exhibited, and it may be the last as the royal owner is very careful of it. The pipe itself is a rather unsightly looking thing, quite rustic of fashion made of a forked-stick having several natural branches that were worked up rather neatly with bowl and stem. It doesn't have an elegant appearance, but any collector would be proud to number it among his specimens.

Richard O'Flynn, an old book-seller of Worcester, Mass., has a rather nice collection of prehistoric relics which will likely be purchased under terms of an offer made by Mr. Flynn by the Worcester society of antiquity of which Senator Hoar is one of the vice presidents. Mr. Flynn desires that the collection be kept intact, and is willing that the museum of his home town should have it at a figure much below its real value. The collection numbers only about 8,000 specimens, but some of these are said to be very choice. They are mounted with a precision and a nicety that is pleasing to the most fastidious collector, and the collection as a whole represents the work of 20 years. Each specimen has been taken separately, measured or weighed, carefully indexed or catalogued, and at last mounted. All this was done with the corporation of a negro preacher way down in Southern Georgia. The preacher on his walks kept a sharp lookout for these flint and stone relics, brought home the arrow-heads, axes and pestles, and saved for his Northern friend. The Southern Georgia district is one of the rich-

est in the United States for the archaeologist and almost every known variety of implement is represented by the colored preacher's "finds." It is likely the big museum on Maine street Worcester, the exterior of which looks like nothing so much as an old church building, will house the collection made by Mr. O'Flynn, and his negro friend of the South, for many years, and prove a source of delight to such collectors as have the good fortune to get a glimpse of it.

According to press dispatches, some weeks ago, the Benedict Arnold mansion one of the oldest landmarks in New Haven, Conn., has been torn down by a wholesale lumber concern which owned the ground upon which the old house stood and raised in order to give more yardage room. Relic hunters are reported to have carried away many specimens, such as pieces of oak timber, hand-wrought nails, and whatever could most easily be secured. The more valuable pieces, such as the ancient masterpiece, the door and panellings were sold to collectors of antiques, while the front door of the old building and an old transom were presented to the New Haven Colony Historical society. The old house, according to the newspaper correspondents, was built by Arnold in 1771, and he lived there until 1775 when he left for the front at the head of a militia company. After Arnold's treachery the house was confiscated by the government and later sold to John Prout Sloan. Noah Webster, the lexicographer, bought the old mansion in 1798 and lived there until 1807. He began his dictionary in the southwest room on the first floor.

Messrs. Sotheby, at one of their London auction sales of rare old books

recently sold a copy of "English Bards and Scotch Reviewer,s" with a receipt for £125 signed by Lord Byron for £5, 15 shillings.

A chair made from the wood of a tree planted by Shakespeare was offered for sale some weeks ago at an auction conducted by Messrs. Foster, in London. The highest bid was \$120,000. This being unsatisfactory the chair was withdrawn.

At an auction held in New York City on November 17, last, a walking cane, formerly the property of Abraham Lincoln was sold for \$145 to H. H. Wilbirt of that city. The cane is a black stick with a bone handle. On the handle are silver trimmings and the martyred presiden's name spelled out in silver letters.

Mrs. Frances B. Horton, whose home is on Brook street, Brattleboro, Vt., has a most valuable and interesting collection of ferns, representing all the different varieties found in Southern Vermont, and a few that are exceedingly rare and never found in that section of New England. The ferns are attractively arranged on the terraces near the Horton home, many growing from chinks in the terrace wall, and as they represent between 1,000 and 1,500 different plants and no less than eighty species and varieties they form a beautiful collection of plant life. Among the number is a hardy fern, which was discovered by Mrs. Horton in Brattleboro three years ago and sent to Harvard college, where it was given the name of *asplenium ebeneum var hortoniae*. This discovery added a new variety, not only to Vermont's list but to the flora of the United States. One might go on for an hour naming the splendid varieties

of growing ferns possessed by Mrs. Horton, each of them having long Latin names, but words will hardly do justice to the subject. Growing on the same terraces are between thirty and forty kinds of mosses, while all the violets in Southern Vermont, including the bird-foot of New Hampshire origin, are cultivated in this beautiful fernery, beside large beds of digerent kings of orchids, including all the cyripediums, or lady slippers. Mrs. Horton also has a herbian with 100 kinds of pressed ferns and an equal number of pressed specimens and lichens, all scientifically labeled and classsified. These together with fifty different butterflies, moths and dragon flies make up a collection which has required three years to perfect.

An egg 12 inches long and 10 inches in diameter with a shell nearly one-quarter of an inch thick will be exhibited among the treasures of natural history by the government at the world's fair, St. Louis. It is an egg of the apyornis and was recently purchased in Paris by Dr. E. W. True of the Smithsonian institution. Specimens of these eggs are very rare, having sold in London as high as \$1,000.

Compared with other eggs some idea of its immensity may be had. It will hold the contents of six ostrich eggs, or 148 hen's eggs, or 30,000 humming bird's eggs. Little is known of the birds from which these eggs come. Most of the eggs are found in the sands and swamps of southern parts of Madagascar. One specimen was found afloat on the ocean, after a hurricane, bobbing serenly up and down with the waves.

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Some Relics of Ancient Sowams.

By Virginia Baker

Sowams, the capital of the Pokanoket country and the principal residence of Massasoit sachem of the Wampanoage, famous for his lifelong friendship for the Plymouth settlement there, occupied the site of what is now the town of Warren, Rhode Island. From time to time during the past 250 years, Indian relics have been disinterred from the soil in various sections of Warren, and it is highly probable that many still lie buried far below the surface.

Arrow heads, though only occasionally found, nowadays, were very plentiful in about the site of Sowams less than a century ago. During the Revolutionary war Lafayette was stationed at Warren for a short period and tradition states, probably correctly, that his soldiers utilized arrow heads in using their flint lock guns. The writer, after diligent search of the fields occupied as a camping ground by the marquis was fortunate enough to discover three arrows turned up, no doubt, by some accomodating plough share. One of these was picked up very near the spot where Lafayette's marqui had stood. All three were of common quartz, though varying in shape.

In the antiquarian department of the free library at Warren is a collection of Indian relics exhumed within the limits of the town. The most curious of these is an oval stone $2\frac{3}{4}$ by $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches in circumference having eyes, nostrils and a mouth roughly hewn on the surface. These stone "heads," which it is said were buried by the Wampanoags in the graves of distinguished sachems or pineses, are quite rare, and fortunate is the collec-

tor who can secure one of them for his cabinet.

Another interesting relic is a good sized grooved axe. Grooved axes are rarely, if ever found among the aboriginal implements of continental countries. The Indians attached them to handles by means of withes, or thongs which passed around the grooves. The axe referred to above, is a very fine and perfect specimen. though not of extraordinary size.

There are several pestles in the collection of various lengths and different shapes, spades, hoes, spears, grooved and hollowed hammer stones, sinkers, arrow heads of almost every known shape, drills and a fragment of a sort of chisel which displays a remarkably fine polish and a thin sharp edge. There is also a wampum, of genuine Indian manufacture, made from the perewinkle shell which still abounds on the shores of Warren (once Sowams) river.

Not the least noticeable relics are the grinning skulls of long dead Wampanoag warriors, with their huge teeth and tufts of coarse black hair. These skulls were disinterred, not many years ago, from the side of a hill in the southern part of the town. They are remarkable for the fact that, with one exception, they are surmounted by the remains of copper kettles inverted, and encircling the brows like crowns.

Every student of aboriginal history knows how highly the Indians valued the iron and copper kettles obtained of white traders. It was for a copper kettle that the Virginian chief, Jopazaws once betrayed Pochahontas into the hands of the unscrupulous Argall. The one exception to the kettle crowned heads, is a skull of extraordinary size which was found reposing in an immense iron dinner pot—a strange casket doubtless considered an honorable one by the untutored beings who

selected it. Whether he to whom the skull once belonged met his death by decapitation, or whether he was beheaded after his disease is a question which, naturally, presents itself to the mind.

The writer remembers having seen in her childhood, in the "back yards" of the older house in Warren, hollowed stones and sometimes to catch the overflow from spouts, sometimes as drinking pans for poultry, and sometimes as flower pots. These stone receptacles were nothing less than the cooking utensils of the Wampanoag squaws, and perhaps from some of them Massasoit and Wamsutta, and Philip may have dined on savory succotash, roasted squash or maize bread flavored with the fragrant straw berries which once grew in wild luxuriance in Sowans. Occasionally, among heaps of rocks in the suburbs of the town, one finds the small elliptical stones which, for lack of a better name, may be termed "corn crackers." With these the aboriginal housewife cracked kernal after kernal of corn with incredible rapidity, becoming, it is said, so expert in time that she was thus able to treat about a peck of the grain in a few months.

The late Gen. G. W. Fessenden of Warren, who spent much time in the study of the Indian history of his native town, was the owner of a valuable collection of relics gathered at and near the site of Sowans. This collection is now preserved in the museum of Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Corean Money.

The money of Corea was made of copper or brass, each piece being about the size of our copper cents with a hole in the middle. It took 600 of these coins to equal in value one of our own silver dollars. As you see ten

dollars would have been a heavy burden of a man to carry, and fifteen dollars would have taxed the strength of a horse.

As there were no safety deposit vaults in Corea, the capitalists were forced to seek a method and they devised a novel one. In the spring of the year he lends his money out at 50 and 60 per cent, all loans to be repaid with full interest in the autumn. The money returns at the beginning of the winter and the Corean digs a big hole in his yard at first touch of freezing and spreads out a layer of his coin. Then he spreads more earth and soaks it with water. As soon as this is froze he spreads out another layer of coins and covers it with wet earth. Thus he continues doing until the whole is one solid mass. Thus each capitalist can have its own safety deposit vault, and the cold weather discourages thieves so there is no danger of anyone trying to dig up the money until warm spring weather.

Private Coins of Mexico and Central America.

Cefetal, a coffee plantation- They have their own money. So do the the large Landed Estates called Finca's and the ranches called Haciendas. These pieces range from $\frac{1}{4}$ real to 4 pesos, or are named from the amount of work they pay for as one tarea, or Cajon, box of coffee, olives of una dia, one days work. These coins pass in the neighborhood of the Cafetals, etc., is well known as those issued by the governments. They are made in German Silver, nickel and Aluminum from 5 cents to \$1.00.

The blacksmith doesn't make one heavy strike and wait until the iron cools off to feel the dent—he keeps it up while the iron is hot and so should the advertiser.

THE PHILATELIC FISCAL SOCIETY.

Organized for the benefit of, and in the interests of Collectors of the Fiscal Stamps of All Nations.

Meetings held regularly on the first Monday in each month at 314 West 70th Street, New York City.

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TRY THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT, and KEEP HERBST

(our Auction Manager) BUSY.

APPLICATION.

Emil Spinony, P. O. Box 453, Great Fall, Montana.

Meeting held April 4th, 1904. Present: Messrs: Lawrence, Homburger, Wilcox and Salva. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Report of the Exchange Department accepted as read, and published below. Mr. Emil Spinony was elected a member. The balance of the evening was taken up with exchanging stamps.

Raymond Wilcox, Secretary.

There has been some delay in sending out membership cards. but members will receive them soon.

My time has been so taken up with other matters lately that it has been

impossible to give the necessary time to the society. I have had some new application blanks printed and would be glad to send members as many as they wish upon receipt of postal.

Raymond Wilcox, Secretary,
226 N. Y. Produce Exchange Bldg.,
New York City.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

From Jan'y 1st 1804 to Mch. 31, '04.

7 books in circ. according to last report.....	Value \$ 88.27
32 books received since.	Value 122.29
39 books.....	Value 210.56
35 books retired since last report.....	Value 192.90
4 books in circulation.	Value 17.66
Sales from the 35 books retired (about 12 per cent).....	21.48

INSURANCE FUND

Balance, last report (paid to Treasurer)	\$.76
Receipts since last report.....	1.08

The above does not give a clear idea of this department. Among the 39 books were 8, valued \$128.33 of which the sales were only \$2.12, therefore the sales from 31 books valued \$82.23 were \$19.36, or about 23½ per cent. The eight books mentioned contained too many stamps at excessively high prices.

F. J. Schoof, Supt.
74 Bleeker Street. Brooklyn, New York.

The third series of sales of the late Mr. Murdoch's collection of coins and medals realized \$5,000.

The collection includes a number of patterns from the mint, such as guinea and two pound pieces made of copper, nickel and pewter, and farthings made of Gold. They were struck to show the reigning sovereign the design of new dies.

The Tanner pattern five-guinea piece, dated 1770, went for \$300.

A pattern guinea of 1774, with a patterned steel edge, realized \$25.

Southern Philatelic Association

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 tin, Texas.
 Official Organ, The WEST.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—

I have been so very busy ever since I was elected President of our association that I have been unable to devote much time to the work, for which I am very sorry indeed.

I shall hope to take a very active interest in our society from this time on, and hope to have the hearty co-operation of each member.

All of our departments are in running order and our hard-working secretary is especially active and deserves much credit for the excellent work he is doing.

We must decide as soon as possible upon the date we are to hold our convention and I shall be glad to have suggestions from any who intend to go.

I think perhaps the best time will be the third week of August. Will have more to say about the convention next month. Fraternaly, F. W. Coning,

SECY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

305. J. C. Alemmolen, Aribo, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Some members have been slow in sending their dues for 1904. Please look at your membership card and if your card has expired send 25 cents and get a new one for 1904. Collectors should join now and get in in time to

go to St. Louis in August.

Respectfully, W. P. Kelley,

Sec-Treas.

3222 Peery Ave. Kansas City, Mo.

REPORT OF SALES SUP'T.

In circulation at last report.

	41 books value	\$ 663.42
Received since 9 books	\$ 162.48	
	50	\$ 825.90
Retired	17 books	\$ 326.10
Now in circ.	33 "	\$ 499.80
Sales		\$67.40

Chas. Waring,
Supt. of Sales.

Interstate Philatelic Association.

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Applications Received.

145 Edwin Caswell, 671 Marshall St., Portland, Ore.

146 H. A. Whipple 702 N. Y, Life, Omaha' Neb.

147 L. Brodstone, Superior Neb.

As the Secretary-elect has declined, I will continue to serve the society for the ensuing year.

We would be very glad to receive applications from philatelists of good standing all over the country.

Frank L. Applegate.

Many advertisers become discouraged because they expect immediate results from their ads. 'Tis true that many ads bring immediate results but that is not sufficient proof that all ads should do so. One effort at anything else does not justify giving up in despair, so how can we consistently expect more of a single ad. Persistence thou are a jewel.

MINERALOGY

[EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines, Ed.]

As an evidence of the rapid stride the science of mineralogy has taken in the last few decades the following is an example. When Prof. E. S. Dana of New Haven first issued his great work, now known as his "System of Mineralogy", the mss. went begging for a publisher in New York City and the professor finally issued it through a publishing house at his own expense. The same firm has, however, since issued all of his later editions of the volume and other works, and by so doing have built up an enviable reputation in this line. Today there are thousands of publishers who would grasp eagerly at the opportunity to get out the work on a small royalty. The publication of the great work really added an impetus to mineralogy which it had never before known, by giving the student some firm basis on which to continue his investigations. The most valuable work which Prof. Dana has recently issued is his "Minerals and How to Study Them".

It is a very valuable guide to the young student and may be obtained at almost any store which handles scientific works.

It is reported that many amusing blunders are performed by persons who are recipients of diamonds as gifts, around the holiday and other seasons. The one of these performed most often is the habit of smashing the jewel with a hammer to see if it is genuine. This is perhaps caused by the great influx spurious stones on the market at present. While the diamond is the hardest known substance, it is also

very brittle and easily crushed under a hammer. Many fine stones are thus ruined each year by these persistent "searches after the truth." Thus some knowledge of this popular science, would be the means of saving these people hundreds and even thousands of dollars in valuable gems.

The time of year will soon be here when the mineral collector can get out in all his glory and resume fitting up his cabinet; especially if he or she lives in a prominent mineral bearing locality. Our collector can get out in all his glory and resume fitting up his cabinet; especially if he or she lives in a prominent mineral bearing locality. Our own collection has been vastly increased by our efforts in this line and we have to consider not only the value of the specimens collected in this way, but also the valuable experience that comes from actual field work. But while you are thus collecting from your own locality do not let your exchanges drop, for that is the most valuable way I know of for acquiring specimens representative of the mineral production of the country. And at different periods, as your knowledge increases a few of the rarer species can be obtained from the reliable and thoroughly responsible dealers. Thus as your cabinet is built up your knowledge of the species keep pace at the same time. As you find your specimens in your rambles, let us hear from you in regard to anything interesting, which may turn up during your observations.

Some of the most curious concretions of agate it has been our fortune to see, have recently come to light in the vicinity of Clinton, Iowa. They are comparatively small, measuring only a few inches in length at the largest and are formed in the manner of elon-

gated shafts, with a small cavity through the center. They are usually found split in half and the color of the agate is yellow or brownish red. The supposition is that these "tubes" were formerly organs of belemnites, which latter were cuttle-fishes of a past period in the world's history. They carried an ink bag the same as our present day cuttle fishes and so escaped from enemies by discoloring the surrounding water.

A Collection of Old Newspapers and Books

By A. C. Donald

We are all aware of the fact that in reading there is knowledge.

The collecting of old newspapers and books is a fad—or hobby, which has, and will for long maintain its place near the head of various hobbies, that are being ardently pursued by collectors. Although, not indulged in, by many collectors, it is interesting.

It is a silent instructor in his facts, quaint orthography, literature, ideas of the time, manners, wit and humor. An instructive and profitable collection, it certainly is, and much pleasure can be derived from a collection. Enjoyment can be had in leisure moments by pouring over a few old books and papers, with their yellow-stained and musty pages, with their once black ink, now shaded to a brown.

Again, old engraving and prints often catch the eye, which illustrate the old styles and fashions then in use.

In an old "Punch" of 1857 it shows the styles of dresses then in use. My but they are wide ones, and again those beautiful (?) bonnets the ladies wore.

In old newspapers the first thing we notice is the numerous advertisements of lotteries, (common things they

were): Elixers of Life, (the silly notions were still believed); Slave Auctions, Rewards for Run away Slaves, For Sale: Haunted Houses; Wanted: Apprentices; etc., etc. We also note the poor bindings on magazines and books and the quality of paper, the "oulden time type" and the last general appearance.

The young collector, as well as the advanced must keep his eyes open, for the rarest treasures are often found in out-of-way places.

It would be advisable for the beginner to visit some old book shop for he can sometimes find valuable specimens for his collection. He should also rummage a little in the attic, old trunks and other places of concealment

Oft times there are many facts to be found in old books and magazines that are not to be had in history, and other great works; some times startling facts. I remember reading once in a Confederate paper about a "fighting parson" who had a hand to hand battle with Gen. Sherman and finally killed the said general; again in a paper I saw an account about the assassination of a President, and it was supposed that a certain general of national repute was an arch conspirator of the plot.

There seems to be some strange fascination in these old volumes. As we glance over our cabinet and at that of some modern book and paper we can easily perceive the advance in the manufacture of paper and improved style of engraving, and the binding. When we look over these we surmise the hard efforts made by our fore-fathers to print a simple paper, and the crude efforts used by them in earlier days. In fact, it seems that although every thing has undergone vast changes, the three things in most common use; paper, the press and the ink have made unprecedented strides forward and we are the gainer thereby.

The Spell of Old Things.

By *Elma Iona Locke.*

Wherein lies the charm of the ancient? Old china, old coins, old implements, and, oldest of all, fossils from the older strata of the earth; All these and many others have for the collector a fascination with which no modern thing, however superior in beauty and workmanship, can compare. Although possessing a great love for the beautiful in all things, I must confess that for me the most beautiful of fresh shells, exquisite in form; and in color showing all the tints of the rain bow, has not half the charm of the little silicified shell, dull in color, perhaps broken in form, but, magic power, which has lain buried for untold ages in the solid rock; it speaks to us of a life long since vanished from the earth. For, once that bit of flinty matter was a living breathless creature!

I remember the first fossils I ever discovered, I knew nothing of their science, but they were just as fascinating for all that. They were contained in a little heap of gravel left by some masons where they had sifted out sand for their use. Only little sections of crinoid stems, tiny specimens of Terebratulinas, cup-corals, etc., but how many pleasant hours were spent in the search for them! How eagerly was every available source scanned for information concerning them!

Later, I made several visits to the locality from which they were brought, and added other and larger specimens to my small collection. This was the limestone formation on the Grand River in Worth county, Mo., a few miles from the state line. The stone is quarried here in places along the river.

In summer when the water is low,

the river becomes dry in some places, in others there will be but a few inches of water over the cool stone bed, while in still others there will be deep, dark pools of varying depth; these latter are I presume, where the stone bed is lacking. With a camera one might obtain some interesting views here. One striking scene in particular is impressed upon my memory: On one side of the river, a low, grassy plot, sloping gently down to the sandy beach and then to the water; on the other side, a sheer rocky bluff rising perhaps fifteen or twenty feet, presenting a perfectly perpendicular face, looking as if it had been cut straight down through the solid rock. Upon the top of this wall of rock (the abrupt ending, perhaps, of a ridge, or long, billow-like hill,) great trees were growing, throwing their shadows over the cool, deep waters below.

Wading about in the shallow water, one can often pick up fossils washed out clear from their last compact matrix by the constant flow of the water. A small piece of slatestone which I picked up, contained a fine specimen of *Productus longispinus* imbedded in its surface; the shell showing pure white against its almost black background was plainly seen through the shallow water.

Not only in the water, but washed up among the pebbles and broken rock upon the banks and low places, the fossils are found, as well as in the quarried rock. But from the latter care and experience are required to obtain them unbroken. A collector with plenty of time and proper tools could gather quite a collection here, for in a few brief visits which I made to the spot, and from rock brought from the locality, and with only a common hammer and chisel, I collected some-

where about forty varieties, ranging from the most tiny specimens up to an *Allorisma subcuneata* over three inches long.

I have not yet succeeded in naming all the species found, but taking Dana's Manual as a guide, I was enabled to classify some of Brachiopods for the general Productus, Spirifer, etc., among them the beautiful Butterfly Spirifer, although my specimens were unfortunately far from as perfect as those illustrated. Also quite a number of other species of shells and corals.

What unaccountable millions of these little creatures, some of them microscopic in size, must have swarmed in the waters of the pre-historic world that their shells could have formed this solid rock of many feet in thickness! The human mind fails to grasp the immensity of such facts as these. And this is only one of the many wonders revealed to the student and lover of nature and her works. However old some of the works of man may be, none of them can compare with those of nature, or claim to be as old as the hills."

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.

President—E Doebelin, Box 737 Pittsburg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny Pa.

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Counterfeit Detector—H E Wilson, Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Regular meeting held April 8th, '04.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Seven members were present at Roll Call.

The committee arrangements for the

coming convention of the American Philatelic Association, reported by reading the minutes of its meetings.

The secretary was instructed to circulate slips among the members with the object of compiling a complete list of all stamp collectors in this vicinity.

Messrs. Hemphill, Maynard and Vroman were appointed a committee on program for the ensuing year, to select topics and assign them to the members.

Messrs. Maynard, Rode and Coe were appointed a committee to select an official organ for the coming year.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$109.32.

Adjourned.

Geo. W. Rode, Sec'y.

Regular meeting held Mch. 11, 1904, President Doebelin presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Six members and three visitors were present at Roll Call.

The report of ex-Treasurer Platz, with certificate of the Auditing committee attached, was read and filed.

The committee of Arrangements for the convention reported progress, and the subscription to the entertainment fund now amount to \$306.50. On motion the society pledged a special guarantee fund of \$100.00. The secretary read a letter from corresponding member Mr. John M. Luff, acknowledging receipt of the silver medal awarded him and offering to exhibit another portion of his collection at some future meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Luff for the offer.

The resignation of Otto D. Heine-man was accepted.

Messrs. Robert D. Maynard and Ross D. Vrooman were elected resident members.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$104.07.

Adjourned.

Geo. W. Rode, Sec'y.

The Earliest Money.

By W. J. JEREMAS, Jr.

Before metals came into use as money to simplify trading, various articles were used as tokens of value. The earliest currency of which we have any knowledge existed in China. Best, in the "Journal Asiatique" for 1837 remarks: "There are indications of an early currency of shells or beads in China, which were used for an ornament in embroidery or a kind of jewelry, like the wampum of the American Indians."

The introduction of metallic money falls in the third thousand years before Christ. The metals were first coined in various forms in imitation of the older barter currency. Some coins are in the shape of garments, and others in the form of knives.

Round coins, with a square hole in the middle were introduced 1022 B. C. The Chinese have never improved on the first round coinage which was cast. The supply of gold and silver in China was small and very little of either was used. The intrinsic value was very high, while the cost of living for a man in the lower class was one cash per day; one thousand cash were worth one tael of silver (11.3 oz.), so that one cash was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills in our money.

After the Chinese, the coinage next in point of antiquity is ascribed to Lydia, one of the provinces of Asia Minor. The first Lydian coinage was of gold which was obtained from the river Pactolus, by process now known as placer mining, and the first pieces were struck about 700 B. C., possibly by the great Gyges himself.

The art of coinage, there commenced, spread rapidly over the civilized world, being introduced by the young trading people of that period, and, in

the course of the next century we find coins struck with emblems or symbols of most of the more important Greek cities and states, and by Persia.

The Greek coinage, from 700 B. C. to the time of Roman supremacy, is in many respects the most important, and the most interesting which may be studied. The following extract from the preface to the British Museum "Guide to the Coins of the Ancients" will give some idea of the use of Greek numismatics: "The chief value of Greek coins lies in their being original works of art, not copies as are most of the extant sculptures in the round, and in the recording the successive phases and local varieties of Greek art, in which respect no other class of monuments, sculptures, bronzes, terra cottas, fictile vases, or gems can compete them. From the seventh century before the Christian era downwards, and from the farthest east to the extreme west of the ancient civilized world, coins are all extant, in many cases as uninjured as when they first left the dies. The devices or types which they bear, if not by leading artists, certainly faithfully represent the style of the sculpture and even of the painting of the period to which they belong. Thus in no other branch of Greek monuments can the student so readily and so thoroughly trace the growth, the maturity, and the decay of the plastic art as on coins chronologically arranged."

"For the mythology they present the local conceptions of the gods and heroes worshipped in the Greek world with their attributes and symbols."

"The historian will find a gallery of portraits of sovereigns almost complete as well as evidences of the history and of the political revolutions of innumerable autonomous states and cities in these all cut imperishable records."

"The student of paleography will find on coins examples of various ancient alphabets, such as Lycian and Cyprian; Phoenician, Greek, Latin, Iberian, etc., in various stages of development."

"The metrologist, by comparing the weights of coins of different localities and periods, may gain an insight into the various systems of ancient metrology in its various standards, and obtain a just view of the relative values of the precious metals, and of the great lines of trade in the Greek and Roman world."

"For practical purposes the medalist and art workman will find in Greek coins the most profitable as well as the safest guide. The artist will not fail to perceive the suggestive value of designs which, on however small a scale, are essentially large in treatment."

For purposes of study, Greek coins may be divided into eight chronological periods as follows:

- I. B. C. 700-480. Period of Archaic Art, ending with Persian wars.
- II. B. C. 480-430. Period of Transitional Art, between the Persian and Peloponnesian wars.
- III. B. C. 430-400. Period of Early Fine Art, to the end of the Athenian supremacy.
- IV. B. C. 400-336. Period of Finest Art, Age of the Spartan Theban supremacy (Philip and Macedon).
- V. B. C. 333-280. Period of Later Fine Arts. Age of Alexander the Great and his immediate successors.
- VI. B. C. 280-107. Period of the declining Art. Age of the Epigoni or or descendants of Alexander's successors.
- VII. B. C. 197-27. Period of Late Decline of Art. Age of the Antipatrids, Mithridates, and of the Roman supremacy.
- VIII. B. C. 27-A. D. 268. Period of the latest Decline of Art. The Empire, Augustus to Gallienus.

Sailors' Curiosities

There was much consternation among the members of the Maritime Exchange in New York recently, when it was announced that the dusty old curios and relics which have been collected by it were to be sold. For a score of years old sea captains and shipowners had been contributing unique things to the collection. From all parts of the world have these things come. There is a bottle of ashes collected in New York at the time of the "great fire of 1835." Poisoned arrowheads and Zulu assegais, coins of all periods and many different countries, old bills. Confederate money—genuine bills—a cheque issued by the Treasury of the United States of 1 cent, refunding an overpayment of duties, and bark clothing from Ecuador, are typical exhibits. Edible birds' nests and hornets' nests—not edible—range alongside butterflies from the Straits of Sunda and bows and arrows from New Guinea. There are a number of old books, including a copy of "In Episto * * * San Joannes, Apostoli," Nuremberg, 1524; "Anthony Jenkinson," 1558, and "Select Essays," by Sir Walter Raleigh. Two letters sent in opposite directions around the world many years ago serve to show how rapidly globe routes have been improved since 1886. The eastward bound letter made the journey around the world in 94 days; the westward-bound in 133 days.

The museum was started about twenty years ago. Thomas P. Bail, the first President of the Maritime Exchange when a youth went aboard the Savannah, a privateer commissioned by the Confederacy, and later to be captured by the Union as she lay in New York harbor after her capture and found a cannister shot in her hold. This he laid away in a drawer of his desk. Twenty years later he found it again and took it to the Exchange where it became the nucleus of the present collection.

The Archeology of New York.

III.—METALIC IMPLEMENTS.

By Oswald A. Bauer, A. S. of C. C. 325.

In taking up the consideration of the metallic implements of the New Indians we find that almost all of them and certainly all of the strictly native ones are composed of copper, the easiest of the metals to weld into form, which the Indian had. Later when the white man's incursions introduced new ideas to the Indian he learned to make articles of other metals beside copper, more particularly of brass. As these latter, however, are more the result of borrowed ideas and do not show the native skill we shall first consider those which are in idea and execution the Indians. These latter are almost entirely of copper.

These early copper implements were probably all made before the close of the 15th century. A large majority of those found have the celt and chisel shapes, narrowing at one end. Several forms suggest the modern axe. One of these found in Ontario county was a native copper and is three inches long. It's greatest breadth is almost 2 inches and the cutting edge is curved. A great majority of the native copper celts expand toward the cutting edge. A specimen of this variety found was more than usually rounded and has the opposite end coming to the point. The length is over $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches and the implement is very sharp. Several copper awls and drills have also been found. One of the former found in the Mowhawk valley was remarkable for the finish. Many have been found near Pompey, N. Y., but they have the appearance of being cast and on the whole of being a more modern production.

Spear heads perhaps have the widest range and are the commonest of any of these metal implements. They are chiefly of two types. In some the base is drawn out to a point for insertion in a shaft and are usually notched for a cord attachment while in others the lower edges are bent over forming a socket, while the flanges point inward to give a better grip. Usually the blade is flat upon one side and ridged on the other. The specimens found in New York have either one or two notches or not at all. Those found have varied in length from three to seven or eight inches. No doubt a great many of these spears were used as knives. One specimen which deserves special mention is that of a gauge which is rare in New York and in fact, anywhere. It is $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches long by $2\frac{1}{4}$ broad and has the sides in the shape of contrasting flanges. It has a curved back and an abruptly leveled cutting edge. The specimen was found near the Seneca river bridge and is in the collection of a Mr. Harris of Rome.

A few specimens of knives have also been found. One picked up near the mouth of the Mattiowan creek was double pointed. Fragmentary pieces of copper are quite scarce but a large number of copper beads have been found. In one grave alone about five miles from the city of Schenectady 235 specimens of copper beads were dug up, all of them tempered.

In the more modern or recent metallic articles we at once see the influence of the white man's ideas. A great many arrows have been found, chiefly on Iroquois sites which directly show this contact. Many of them, no doubt, were of white manufacture and were traded off to the natives. They are mostly made from thin sheet iron or brass, an old brass kettle in the latter

case being often used. They are usually of long triangular shape and embodying various other important features. The brass kettle took the place of the earthen pot to a great extent although the latter survived for a long time owing to the limited means of the Indian. They came to prize it highly however, and as they always buried it with the dead, in order to prevent its being pilfered would knock a hole in the bottom before placing it in the ground. Copper spoons are rare as the Indian preferred the wooden in whose manufacture he exhibited so much skill. A limited number of the former have been found however.

Another more modern article which is found is the metallic pipes. These were made of pewter, brass, lead or copper. They are usually of simple forms. Sometimes they were combined with wood and stone or some other metal but this was not the common form. It was a great custom to present these pipes in large number at Indian councils and no doubt this is the source when a great many of them emanated. An article which was used by the Indian although not a native manufacture was the "trade axe." It was used by the white man in trading with the native and many of the transactions between the two were arranged in this way, the trader paying in axes. Large numbers of these are found in the western counties. A varieties which might perhaps deserve special mention is the tomahawk pipe, so called from its double use. It combined in one piece the character of a pipe and axe. Some have been found as much as thirteen inches long.

A large number of miscellaneous articles have also been found all of modern origin. They are two numerous to be mentioned in such space but to give an illustration the following paragraph from an account by Beau-

champ may be interesting, he says: "W. W. Adams took out of one Cayuga grave the following articles on May 2, 1888. One brass kettle, 17 flints, two gunflints, six bullets, six long shell beads, a bone harpoon, three buckshorn handles, a knife with buck horn handle, 21 gaming flints, three bars of lead, five rubbingstones, 16 bear tusks, two axes, two pairs of shears, four pairs of bullet moulds, two gunlocks with flints, 47 pieces of gunlocks, 32 knives and cutting implements. two large iron shears, a gun 4 ft. 8 in. long, a pipe, a piece of black paint, a piece of mica. two trigger guards, one warmer, a gun cleaner, steele and two flints, a quantity of powder in a cloth bag, two melting ladles and 2,500 wampum beads. Beside these there were a few Jesuit bronze rings." The above list certainly shows a remarkable diversity of articles and illustrates better than any account could the nature of articles found in the old graves and used by the more modern Indian. Of course these are not strictly speaking of Indian manufacture but are of white origin mostly and are such as the Indian used after white contact. A distinction must be made between them and those which are strictly aboriginal. Of the earlier copper implements the distribution on the whole is quite uniform and the quantity is not large. The more modern Iroquois certainly had no metallic implements they did not adopt from the whites.

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Benefits Derived From Philocarty * * *

By Henry Herbert Huff.

(Continued from last number)

Then, too picture cards cultivate study from nature, and as you all know, a real picture will make much deeper impressions on the mind than lengthy descriptions.

Much historical knowledge may be derived from philocarty. As many cards bear pictures of places of important in history their value is evident, To see the place where some great event is interesting, indeed, and will often cause many previously learned facts regarding the event to recur to one's memory. Then, too, it will foster a tendency among many to read further regarding the event and those unfamiliar with the event the scene of which is given on the card will, in many instances, take pains to read about it.

Literary value is suggested when cards bear pictures of authors and their homes and such is quite frequent. Collectors will be enthusiastic to obtain pictures and houses and birth places of their favorite authors and he who is unfamiliar with the author whose home is pictured on a card he has received, through curiosity, will be likely to read some of his works.

Art may be learned from souvenir cards in several ways. The printing of cards in several colors and by new processes has come to be an art and one that is particularly interesting when observed on the various specimens of a collection. As many cards bear pictures of large and famous buildings one has an excellent opportunity to study the style of agriculture used in different lands and appreciate more fully some of the mag-

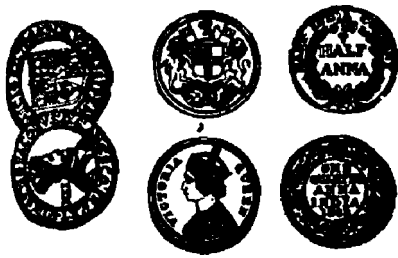
nificent structures that are products of untold labor.

Of late many souvenir card collectors are having cards of their own made for exchange use. These are usually reproduced from photographs taken by the collectors, themselves as a large number of philocartists are photographers, too. In this way photography may be learned from them. It would prove both interesting and instructive to those collectors who are photographers to observe the merits and defects in the pictures they receive, the beauty and suitability of the scene, and notice especially the artistic effect produced by different lights and points of view.

Many cards are now bearing photographs of kings, queens and prominent people of all kinds. Such cards teach biography in a pleasing manner. On a few appear short biographies of the personages while others give simply the name leaving the collector to look up further information regarding them.

In the article I have suggested only such benefits derived from philocarty as are afforded by no other hobby. To them may be added all the educational values of philately (limited to stamps of the present time since philocarty has not long been extant) and the instructive qualities of postmark collecting (curious postmarks being especially abundant on cards that have come from foreign lands.)

Visitors to foreign lands now-a-days usually send some of these cards, at frequent intervals, to some friend in their home country, illustrating such places as they have visited. On their return the cards are a source of greatest interest to them and ever afterward the sight of some of them will recall some pleasing remembrance of an incident on their journey. Philocarty is growing rapidly in popularity and has promise of a great future. It affords such pleasure and instruction as may be had from no other hobby and thus fills a field of its own.



**AN ACCOUNT OF THE COINAGE OF
BRITISH INDIA WITH HISTORICAL
NOTES.**

By Wayte Raymond, A. N. A.

India, that vast empire of constant insurrection in the East, was first visited by the English in 1579, when Thomas Stephens, a trader, brought home such a glowing account of the trading possibilities of the country, that several other tradesmen were induced to emigrate, but they were suppressed and imprisoned by the Portuguese. However, Cornelius Houtman made a successful voyage around the Cape of Good Hope in 1596, after which it was an easy matter to introduce the enterprising British merchants into the country.

In 1600 the merchants of London, seeing great possibilities in an opposition to the Dutch trade, formed an association entitled "The Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies." This company was capitalized at £70,000, afterward raised to £400,000, and absorbed within the first half of the seventeenth century two rival incorporations known as "The Assada Merchants" and "The Company of Merchant Adventurers." In 1698 a most formidable rival arose in the amalgamation of the "General Society Trading to the East Indies." This company, however, was successfully

joined with the original and termed "The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies," which gradually devolved into the well known "East India Company," which practically assumed control of the country until 1858, when the control was taken over by the ruling British sovereign, Queen Victoria, who in 1877 was proclaimed Empress of India.

The first coinage for the use of India in general was instituted by Queen Elizabeth, and is generally known as the "Portcullis Money," which maybe described as follows: Sixpence, shilling, half crown and crown, all similar. Obverse—The crowned shield of Queen Elizabeth between the letters E. R. each crowned, the same within a circle, surrounded by O: Elizabeth D. G. Aug: Fra: Et. Hiber: Regina.

Reverse—A crowned portcullis with a circle surrounded by O. Posiu. Demn. Adintorem. Meum.

There is also a half penny of this series, but the same was struck for circulation in England alone, and not sent to India.

The next series of coins is that of William IV, and consists of the gold mohur and double mohur and silver rupee, half and quarter rupee. Obverse of gold, plainhead of William IV to right around, which is the legend: William III King, and date 1835. Reverse—A lion passant in front of a palm tree, surrounded by East India Company, with the value in exergue.

The silver coinage is similar. Obverse—Plain head of William IV to right, with William III King. Reverse—The value in English and

Arabic within a laurel wreath surrounded by East India Company, 1835.

The present Indian coinage is based on the rupee a silver coin about the size of a half dollar of the value of about a quarter dollar. The following monetary table is quoted from Ho-worth's "Colonial Coins and Token." "The rupee is divided into 16 annas; and each anna into 4 paises (or pysas or pice each paisa into 3 pies." When you get one of the Bengal cop-pers for one pie you think you have a bakery check.

The first series of gold for Victoria may be described as follows: Ob-verse—Bust of the Queen to left, head crowned and shoulders draped, Vic-toria Queen on either side. Reverse Within a scroll of lotus flowers One Mohur India and dates, or Ten Rupees or Five Rupees. The obverse later changing its legend to Victoria Em-press.

The silver coinage varies to a con-siderable extent. Obverse—Head of Queen to the left under Victoria Queen. Reverse—Same as that of William IV with the exception of date 1840, and a two anna piece struck in 1841. A later series is similar, but has the Victoria Queen divided on either side of the head.

In 1869 a much tastier coinage ap-peared. Obverse—Crowned head of Victoria, Victoria Queen on either side Reverse—Within a lotus wreath the value, One Rupee Indian, or Half Rupee, ¼ Rupee and Two Annas. In 1877 the alteration to Victoria Em-press was made.

The first copper for India in general was minted in 1835 and consists of the half anna, quarter anna, ½ pice and 1-12 anna. Obverse—The arms, crest supporters and motto: Ausp Regis Sen Anglia—of the East India Com-pany with date above the motto and under the shield. Reverse—A laurel wreath, East India Company above, the value, Half Anna, One Quarter Anna, ½ Pice, and 1-12 Anna, in En-

glish and Arabic. The half and quar-ter anna pieces have the Arabic let-ters above the English, and the ½ pice and 1-12 anna piece have them below.

In 1861 the Queen issued a pretty set of the same denominations. Ob-verse—Head of Victoria, crowned, Victoria Queen on either side.

Reverse—A beautifully formed wreath of intertwining flowers and leaves and a small circle of dots, sur-rounding Half Anna, India and date or One Quarter Anna India and date, ½ Pice India and date, and 1-12 An-na India and date.

The change from Victoria Queen to Victoria Empress is also made in the copper coinage, and the ½ pice is dis-continued.

(To be continued.)

The next article will be on the coins and contemporaneous history of the Bombay presidency.

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Carte Mobile Trip Around The World

By M K E L L E R

Continued from last No.

"Kissing the Blarney Stone." Most every one may have heard or read about the superstitions regarding this mysterious stone. A card depicts the stone being kissed by a man who appears to be standing on his head, but is hanging on his feet from the top, being securely fastened or held by others. This verse may tell all of the under markings of this Blarney stone.

"There is a stone whoever kisses
Oh! he never misses to grow eloquent
'Tis he may clamber to a lady's
chamber

Or become a number of sweet parliment.

A clever spouter he'll sure turn out
Or an out and outer to be left alone.

Don't hope to hinder him, or to bewilder him

Sure he's a Pilgrim from the Blarney stone

This stone is built into the walls of a noted castle built in 1446 by Cormack MacCarthy and is now no doubt a picturesque ivy clad ruin. The fame of the castle is really due to the possession of the Blarney stone, which is a block bearing the name of the founder and the date as is seen on the card. It is said to be built in the south angle of the castle several feet below the top. Access to it is well nigh impossible, therefore a substitute has been provided the kisses of the tourists, judging from the card it looks to be dangerous performance, as three or four other men are having hold of the substitutes feet and coat tails, while he is securely holding himself on iron rods extended from the top down to the kissing stone. The origin of this legend is not known. Large numbers of people still climb to kiss it every

year. The Blarney castle is about four miles from Clark Ireland. [It was built in the fifteenth century, Sir Walter Scott is said to have kissed it in his day, also other noted people of the past and present.

Prof M. G. Rohan tells of his recent trip to Ireland that she stands as of yore full square to the blast, and shall in the future yet come forth with victory for on the virgin brow [of Erin no stain of dishonor has ever been placed. He also said further that the history and scenery of Ireland are the glory of the Irish race. To know and keep fresh in our memories the Irish history, the natural beauties of the Eden of the West and know the associations of her ruins inspires us with a love for the past that throws its enthusiasm athwart the future. Why is Ireland such a historical country? Why do we find more suing there than in any other land? Simply because no land ever suffered so much devastation. These spectral ruins remain till the present day as ivy crowned monuments of English capacity. Read the story of England's treatment to Ireland if you would know of a persecution greater than the Huns left of Rome. Our next trip will be to Paris and other places of interest in France.

A carte mobile trip to some of the grand places in France, will bring before us many pleasant scenes of which we have read and heard about so often. France, as everyone knows, has for centuries ranked in facilities for the higher education, as the best facilities for study in the world are still to be found in France. Paris, the so-called City of Cities, is one of the most important for sight seeing and some of the pleasing views on cards received from relatives and friends show very interesting views of her various magnificent palaces, temples, mansions

and others of importance. Paris, though an old city, is called a modern city. It is said to have been twice burned by the pirates, who would have tried to do the same a third time, had not the city been surrounded by lofty walls and fortified bridges. The first modernizing began under Napoleon III. It is now the recognized capital of the world of art and literature, and especially of dress and manner. The Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel seen on one card shows it to be much rebuilt and rather modern though it dates from the reign of the first Emperor, so also the famous Rue de Rivoli, the Column of the Palace Vendome. The Arc de Triomphe de Carrousel stamps in a square inclosed by the Tuileries and the Louvre. It is to resemble the Arch of Constantine at Rome having a large archway between two small ones flanked by Corinthian columns, and a high top. Reliefs over the small archways represents incidents of the campaigns and over the columns are placed statues of soldiers of the empire, and in the spandrels of the large archway are sculptured Victories. On the very top in the centre is a group in bronze representing a four horse chariot. It is 48 feet high and 65½ feet wide. This was sent by a certain french Mr. H. Laverdan of Paris-Atenil. The Rue de Rivoli is a very important Str. of Paris, dating from the first empire and derives its name from the victory of Bonaparte over the Austrians at Rivoli, Jan. 14, 1797. The present street seen on the card was completed in 1865. It shows the Place du Palais Royal. The Column Vendome is a large, high monument in the square Vendome, erected by Napoleon I. Its height is said to be 142 feet, its diameter 13 feet.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS.

Cleveland, O., April 4th, 1904.

To the Members of the S. C. A.:

At this time it devolves upon me to call for nominations for the Board of Directors to be elected at the Annual Convention to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., in the month of August, 1904.

On account of lack of funds it has been deemed inadvisable, upon the part of your officers, to have the constitution printed at present, and therefore, for the information of the members, the following excerpts, relative to elections and offices, are now given.

ARTICLE V—SECTION I: The election of officers shall be held at each Annual Convention, and they shall serve until their successors have qualified. Nominations for officers must be mailed to the Secretary at least forty days before the date of the convention, and shall be published by him in the Official Journal nearest to thirty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

ARTICLE VI—SECTION I: This Association being formed for the purpose of appealing to the younger element of Stamp Collectors it has been determined to limit the ages of elective officers.

SECTION 2: No person under 18 years of age, or over 30 years of age, shall be eligible to hold an elective office, and if under 21 years he must have a guarantor or give bond for the proper performance of his duties.

SECTION 4: The Board of Directors shall be designated as the Board of Directors and shall consist of seven members.

SECTION 5: Each Director shall hold his office until the close of the next Annual Convention, and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be residents of different states. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board

of Vice-presidents, and must reside within a radius of fifty miles, and in the case of the three Vice-presidents being from the same State or locality as another Director, the Vice-presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SECTIO 6: Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, three Vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the Constitution to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

As will be seen from the above, nominations should be made for seven directors and all nominations should be sent to the Secretary prior to June 30, 1904, when nominations shall be declared closed.

To avoid future complications it is requested that in proposing names for office, the sanction of the proposed nominees be obtained before the nominations are filed.

W. H. BARNUM,
President.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

To the Officers and Members, Stamp Collectors' Association:

By the power vested in me, I hereby issue a call for the first annual meeting of this Association to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., on the eighth day of August, 1904, for the election of Directors and such other business as may come up at this time. Said meeting will be called at 10:30 a. m. and will continue until the business is concluded.

I have purposely made the call for the convention at this early date in the hope that a majority of the members will be able to so arrange matters that they may be present.

I have appointed Mr. J. C. Miller of Coal Valley, Pa., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

W. H. BARNUM,
President.

Cleveland, O., April 15th, 1904.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLVIE, San Francisco

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF COLORS.

(By Joseph Edwards, Brockville, Ontario, Canada.)

A surprising recent discovery in color-photography, noted below, renders interesting the history of efforts in this direction. Such results have been obtained by various methods, but except in those of Gabriel Lippmann, the tints have always faded, either when the negatives were treated with the fixing bath or on exposure to light. As early as 1810, Dr. Seebeck of Jena and another German, Ritter, obtained traces of color by receiving the colored spectrum on a sensitive surface of silver chloride. Again, about 1840, Herschel, Daguerre and Fox Talbot, acting independently, obtained color indications. Herschel found "that the spectrum impressed on a paper spread with the chloride of silver is often beautifully tinted, giving, when the sunshine has been favorable, a range of colors, very nearly corresponding with the natural hues of the prismatic spectrum." Later, Robert Hunt had a certain measure of success in obtaining images of color as appears from a work: *Researches*. In a communication to the French Academy of Science, Prof. Lippmann writes that he undertook to obtain on a photographic plate the image of the spectrum with its colors, so that it would remain afterward fixed and be indefinitely exposed to full daylight without change. This he claimed to have achieved with the ordinary materials, modifying only

the merely physical conditions of the experiment.

The essential conditions for obtaining colors in photography are the continuity of the sensitive layers and the presence of a reflecting surface behind it. By continuity is meant the absence of granules, the silver bromides, iodides, etc., must be diffused uniformly within a film of albumen gelatine or some other transparent or inert material and without forming granules that are visible under the microscope.

The plate when dry is supported on a small tank of mercury, the mercury forming a reflecting surface in contact with the plate. The exposure, development and fixation are conducted in the ordinary way but the results are different. The proof obtained is negative by transmitted light, each color being represented by its complementary, but by reflected light it is positive and the colors appear quite brilliant. The image is strengthened by the use of acids; fixing and washing as usual, follows.

The theory of this experiment is simple. The incident light forming the image in the camera interferes with the light reflected by the mercury. This forms in the interior of the film a series of "fringes," i e, luminous maxima and minima. The former alone acting on the film; at the close of the operations they remain masked by deposits of silver more or less reflective, which occupy their place.

The sensitive layer is divided by the deposits into a series of thin laminae, the thickness of which is the interval which separates the maxima, i e, a half wave-length of the incident light. They therefore reproduce the incident wave-length by reflec-

tion, perfectly. The colors visible are the same as those on a soap-bubble, although more pure and brilliant if the operations have yielded a deposit that reflects well. In such a case there are formed a great number of superimposed slender films and the reflected colors are purer in proportion as these reflecting films are increased in number.

Having a Specialty.

Specialization in photography is one of the best methods for advancing in proficiency and may be put in practice by the novice as to good or better advantage than by the more experienced worker. The snap-shooter who takes views indiscriminately, now photographing a landscape, then a marine, next a portrait, and then something else, covering the whole gamut of photographic possibilities in a dozen or more consecutive exposures, is the dabbler, who will remain a novice as long as he continues to use the camera. That will probably not be for many years, as failing to learn thoroughly and to appreciate the magnificent possibilities in any one field, he will shortly become blasé and will drop photography for some new fad. There is hardly a prominent amateur in the field today who has not realized this fact and devoted his energies almost wholly to one or another special line of work and all that has been achieved up to this time has been due to the earnest and intelligent efforts of men and women who, having started as the merest amateurs, have seen the possibilities before them and have developed their faculties along the lines which most interested and offered them the greatest fascination.

Trimming Prints to Advantage.

Go to your print envelope where you keep your proofs and select one at random. Take two pieces of card

board cut like a carpenter's square or at right angles, and lay them upon the print in such a way as to surround the picture, leaving an opening in the center. Now move the cards so as to increase or diminish this opening and subsequently the size of the portion of the print shown. By this method of experimental exclusion we are able to hit upon the true point of merit in the picture, it being brought out strongly by the removal from our range of vision of the balance of the picture, and the extent of trimming required becomes apparent at once.

How to Wash Prints.

Many amateurs follow the instructions issued by the makers of printing-out papers, place their prints, before toning, in running water for fifteen minutes. The silver salts are immediately freed from the paper, when it is placed in the water, and if not poured off instantly they are re-absorbed by the gelatine, and the whites of the prints go yellow. If the free silver is not removed before toning it reacts with the gold bath and spoils it; therefore wash the prints quickly and thoroughly to free them from the silver salts.

Continuous washing in a circulating washer is a very bad way of removing the free silver salts from the paper, as the water certainly dissolves the silver out, but it is so long before it gets away from the washer, that it is again re-absorbed.

Let anyone add a teaspoonful of red ink to a washer and note how long it takes to become colorless; add the same to a dish of water, and in three changes the whole of the red is removed.

The free acid found in P. O. P. is often as high as $1\frac{1}{2}$ grains per half-plate print, and if not removed will be sufficient to turn a correctly made up toning bath into an acid one.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace San
Francisco, California

L. D. H.—Retouching Medium: An excellent retouching medium for negatives can be made by dissolving a small quantity of light colored shoe-maker's wax in gasoline and decanting the clear liquid a small quantity of this is added to some spirits of turpentine. Just enough to leave a slightly tackey surface after evaporating a drop on a piece of glass.

Another very good medium is made by adding a small quantity of damar varnish (procured at any paint store) to spirits of turpentine. Test with a piece of glass as above. Apply a small quantity of either of these to the part of the negative to be retouched and wipe off the surplus with a piece of muslin or your hand. I prefer the latter, as it is not so liable to leave lint adhering to the negative. These formulae will permit much heavy work on the negative, especially if a fairly soft graphite pencil is used.

C. R. W.—The Acetic Bath in the Ozotype Process: The sulphate of copper added to the bath should be regulated according to the negative. One minim of a 10 per cent solution to the ounce of bath is enough for thin negatives while strong brilliant ones demand three times this amount. By omitting the copper altogether, well-exposed prints from thin negatives may be made to yield prints with good contrasts. Paper that has been kept for some time after being sensitized also requires a smaller amount of copper in the bath. The less copper used the clearer will be the lights and the richer the shadows, but finer de-

tail is liable to be lost. To retain light clouds in the print, for instance, a fair amount of copper must be added to the bath.

B. L. O.—Red Tones—Red tones on printing out papers may be obtained by a little after treatment when the combined bath is used. When the desired tone is reached the print is transferred to bath of water, 10 ounces; carbonate of soda, 3 ounces. The print is then well washed and fixed in a 10 per cent hypo bath. L. P. Clerc gives the following method of obtaining red tones on lantern shades. The plate is slightly under developed, fixed and washed. The plate is then reversed and placed in a 10 per cent solution of sodium sulphite. The sulphite removes the yellowish cast and lends a pleasing red tone. After this operation the plate must be thoroughly washed.

I. B. B.—Print-Out or Developing: In regard to print-out papers, see also answer to K. E. B. The most commonly used papers in the glossy surface are Solio, Kloro, Puro and Aristo Junior. In regard to developing papers, I do not think you will find them any more difficult to handle than those of the printing-out class. They will give much more contrasty effects than printing-out papers, and another advantage with the developing papers is that they are made in several grades to be used as best suited to the different classes of negatives.

C. R. M.—Scolik's Intensifier—With correct exposure and development a negative does not require intensification, but in cases where the negative is weak from extreme exposure or improper development Scolik's method of intensification is simple and permanent. The negative to be strengthened must first be thoroughly washed

to free it from all trace of hypo and then immersed in mercury bichloride, 1 part; potassium bromide, 1 part; water, 50 parts, where it is left until the film is thoroughly and evenly white, after which it is rinsed and immersed in a mixture of equal parts of saturated solution of sodium sulphite and water and left until the white has entirely left the plate and the film is uniformly dark brown or black. It should then be thoroughly washed and dried as usual.

A Polish for Camera Woodwork.

One part of vinegar and three parts of raw linseed oil makes a fine polish to apply to the woodwork of your camera. What you have left over can be used on the furniture. It should be applied with a soft woolen cloth. One versed in the subject told me the other day that this same raw linseed oil with a mild acid added, was the basis of all the furniture polishes on the market, so you need not spend fifty cents or a dollar for a small bottle with a pretty label on it when you wish to brighten things up a little.

A Cheap Tray.

Cheap trays may be made from pieces of thick cardboard about two inches larger each way than the size of the tray desired. The corners are cut out, leaving one piece on each corner to form a lap. The edges of the cardboard are then bent up and the corners sewed or glued. The inside of the tray is then flowed with very hot melted wax. The hot wax is absorbed by the fibre of the board and forms a waterproof tray, which is also impervious to acids and many other chemicals. These trays are useful for a variety of odd purposes where it is not desirable to use the regular hard rubber trays.



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Snow Scenes.

A correspondent desires to know the length of exposure required for snow scenes, especially during such a rare fall as that which occurred Christmas morning, and also what speed constitutes a snap shot and if there is a shutter faster than the one-hundredth of a second. Of course, the length of exposure required for snow scenes, like all other exposures, depends upon the character of the subject, the condition of the atmosphere and the time of day. At this time of the year four times the exposure is required at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. as compared with noon, and for snow scenes three or four times the exposure is required on a cloudy day as compared with a bright sunlight. On Christmas morning the writer made several snow pictures at about 10 o'clock. The lens was used with an opening of f. 6.3 and an exposure of one-fortieth of a second was given. The negatives were clear and strong and the individual snowflakes were distinctly visible where they were

contrasted against dark objects. For ordinary snow scenes at noon on a sunny day, with the average lens at full opening, an exposure of from one-fiftieth to one-hundredth of a second ought to be about right. If the day is cloudy, from one-fifteenths to one-fiftieth should be given. Toward morning or evening and with a small-cir stop, this time must be increased.

The terms "snapshot" and "instantaneous exposure" are very indefinite. In general exposure faster than one-

tenth of a second or even slower, may be called a snapshot. Of course, in reality every exposure is a time exposure. It is only a question of how much time. In practice any exposure requiring only one click of the shutter is called a snapshot.

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Platinum Prints.

Platinum prints are supposed to be absolutely permanent and yet in time they are apt to turn yellow or at least become less brilliant than when first made. It is true that the image itself does not change as is the case with silver prints, but the paper support becomes yellow from the action of the iron or platinum salts which are left in the paper. If platinum prints which have thus deteriorated are immersed in a bath of hypo-chloric acid to which is added a little hydrochloric acid, the yellowishness is

at once removed and pure white high lights and brilliancy are restored. The prints should be washed to remove the hydrochloric acid and then treated with a weak solution of citrate of ammonia. The print is finally washed and dried as usual. By applying this process platinum prints may be kept clear and brilliant for any length of time. This method is especially useful for artists' proofs as the white borders discolor much quicker than a regular print.

PHOTOGRAPHING FLOWERS.

By W. H. Crocker.

June, the month of roses, affords most excellent opportunity for the amateur to practice a much-neglected branch of photography—photographing flowers. One may carelessly place a bunch of flowers in a vase, point the camera at it and make an exposure. That is one way, and sometimes one gets good results, but there is opportunity for much study, and display of artistic feeling in making pictures of flowers or of still life. Haphazard arrangement, or the crowding of too many flowers, or too many kinds into one picture should be avoided.

A spray or branch, well arranged is much better than a bouquet. And, again, it is not the cultivated flowers that always give the most satisfactory results. The daisies, dogwood blossoms, and many of the blossoms and wild flowers so common in the spring and summer, offer most beautiful subjects. Best results are to had with color-sensitive and non-halation plates. If you use a color screen as well, so much the better. Of course, the use of the screen materially lengthens the time of exposure; but as you will, no doubt, do this work indoors, away from wind or draughts, this makes no difference.

Development should be largely for half-tene; avoid excessive density. In exposing I believe it is more satisfactory to err on the side of over-exposure. The best background is a piece of black velvet, or the rough Can-

ton flannels. Avoid any glossy background or one that throws a high light.

In arranging the leaves and flowers, fine black sewing silk is most valuable. This, fastened to stems and branches, admits of their being drawn into position to suit the artistic taste of the amateur, and will not show on the negative. Black pins may also be used for similar purposes.

While most workers in this field of photography place their subjects upright on some stand or table, the method found by the writer to be the best is to place the flowers in a horizontal position, preferably on the floor, where they can receive a good and properly diffused top light from a window. This necessitates a special stand for the camera, so that it may be pointed down, but this stand can be made in half an hour with such tools as one has usually to hand.

Take a board 8 inches wide and 42 inches long, five-eighths or three-quarters of an inch thick. Cut this in two, having one piece 18 inches long, the other 24 inches. Join the boards at right angles (the 8-inch way) with four stout screws, and to give additional strength and rigidity, fasten in the angle two iron shelf brackets readily procurable at any hardware store.

Down the center of the 2-foot-long end cut a slot to take the tripod screw. Two ordinary wood furniture clamps, such as cabinet makers use to hold glued parts, will answer to clamp this angular board to a table end or side, while the camera can be readily focused and pointed toward the floor when adjusted to the other board.

This method possesses the following advantages—the illumination can be easily controlled and the flowers better arranged and kept in place. Where it is necessary to lift the stems from the background, long black pins thrust through the tougher stems will hold them up in place. In conclusion, study the lighting carefully. Avoid any hard white light. A piece of unbleached cheese-cloth, hung near enough to the objects photographed, but not so near as to show on the field of the plate, makes a good diffuser.—Browning's Monthly.



Free Cameras at the Fair.

Six months ago the Editor of CAMERA NEWS wrote the officers of the several Postal Camera Clubs, State Amateur Associations and Photographic Exchanges asking that they prepare a petition addressed to the Department of Concessions, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, setting forth the desires of their members as nearly as could be ascertained. Such petitions to be signed by the officers of the several organizations and forwarded to me at the earliest opportunity. A later communication went to each one cautioning them that the free admission of 4x5 and other cameras, used without tripods, was all that could be asked.

A willingness to do all that was possible, a desire to further any project that might advance the possibility of an ultimate granting of a concession so dear to the hearts of the workers enrolled as members of these organizations, resulted in a most hearty and enthusiastic carrying out of the proposed plan with the result that practically every non-local organization of a permanent character was represented in the joint petition placed in my hands to be presented to the proper officials. The following officers of their respective organizations entered most enthusiastically into the work:

W. H. Monroe, Director Postal Camera Club, Leominster, Massachusetts.

H. R. Pfaff, Director Interstate Postal Camera Club, Jennings, Alabama,

Fayette J. Clute, Director "Overland," San Francisco, California.

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The next serious matter was the placing of the petition in the hands of the proper officials in such a way that it would be assured the attention that its importance merited. The name of Mr. H. C. Reiner, Secretary M. A. Seed Dry Plate Company, at once suggested itself. In Mr. Reiner's hands the matter was assured the most favorable presentation possible. The two following letters are self explanatory:

St. Louis, U. S. A. March 16, 1904.

MR. FAYETTE J. CLUTE.

San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR:—

Yours of the 25th enclosing petitions from the various Camera Clubs, Photographic Exchanges, State Amateur Associations, and bearing the names of 12,000 photographic workers, was delivered to me by Mr. H. C. Reiner of this city a few days ago.

The petitions and your letter were given careful consideration at our last meeting, and were the only comprehensive documents of this nature that were presented to us.

I am pleased to say that this petition influenced us in our decision to admit the 4x5 and smaller cameras, to the Exposition free of charge.

I trust that our action in this matter will meet with the approval of the petitioners, that they will profit thereby and that the Exposition will receive the evidence of appreciation which these petitioners have promised to be-

stow in return.

Yours truly, NORRIS B GREGG,
Director or Concessions and Admissions.

St. Louis, Mo. March 16, 1904.

MR. FAYETTE J. CLUTE,

San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR MR. CLUTE:—Your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing petitions of the several Postal Camera Clubs, Photographic Exchanges and the like reached me promptly, and I at once took up the matter with the Exposition officials.

There could be no action taken until a meeting of the officials, although I was promised by Mr. Wakefield Chief of the Department of Concessions, that all consideration would be given the matter.

I have just been advised that the desired concession has been granted, and am assured that your petitioners greatly influenced the decision.

With highest regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

H. C. REINER.

I desire to thank in this manner and with as much publicity as possible, the officers and members of the organizations who made this petition so effective by their enthusiastic co-operation. That they have the unqualified thanks of their brother workers it is needless to affirm. That the large body of camera users who will visit the Exposition will appreciate the concession made them by the Exposition people is also assured. That they will show their appreciation in a substantial manner is hoped. Let us remember that the results of this somewhat experimental action on the part of the St. Louis officials, from a financial point of view, will no doubt greatly influence the position taken by future Exposition managements. Both this thought and the desire to demonstrate the sincerity of their appreciation should assure consideration on the part of camera users, and encourage the purchase of all possible supplies within the grounds.

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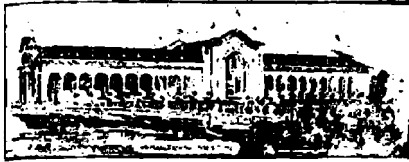
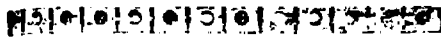
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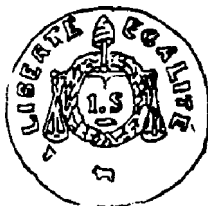
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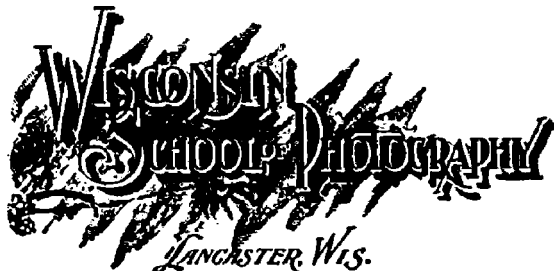
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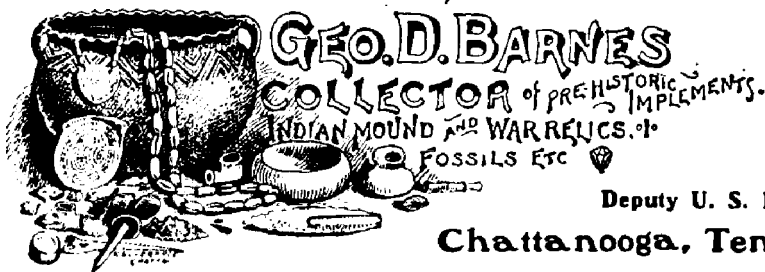
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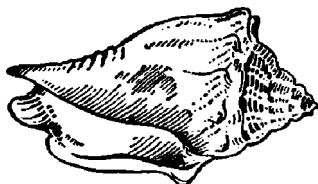
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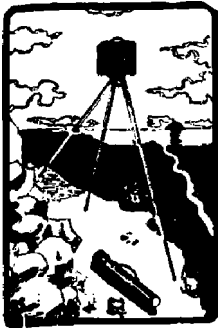
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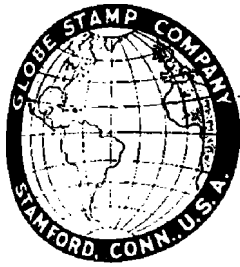


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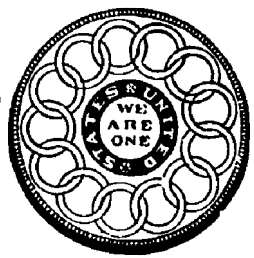
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